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Records of the
Congregational Church
in Enfield. Massachusetts.

January 1861.

1861

1861 Jany 9. The annual business Meeting of the Church was held this afternoon.
Leonard Woods was at his own request Excused from longer service as Clerk of the Church and Rufus D. Woods was Elected Clerk in his stead.
The following were chosen a Committee to Examine Candidates for admission to the Church

Revd R. McEwen D.D. Pastor
Deac Henry Fobes
" Lewis Daniels
" John A. Chase.
Danl T. Trask
Leonard Woods
S. B. Collins
Reuben Thayer

Rufus D. Woods was chosen Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

Meeting was dissolved
Rufus D. Woods Clerk.

Mrs Ellen L. Richards was dismissed from this church and recommended to the the Elliot Church. Newton. Mass.

Mr & Mrs Hiram Hunt were dismissed from this church and recommended to the Church in Oxford. Mass.

1861 Feby 13 Mrs Rebecca Rose, wife of Charles Rose
was Examined for admission to the Church and
March 3. was admitted by Profession.
She was Baptised

Mr & Mrs Andrew Russell were dismissed and
recommended to the Church in Brookfield.

Mr & Mrs H. M. Daniels were dismissed and
recommended to the Church in Winnebago. Illinois

1861 July 7. Mrs Sarah A Lane and Nathaniel C. Train
having been previously Examined and propounded
Professed their faith and were received to the
membership of this church
Mrs Lane and her daughter Ida B
were Baptised

Mr Edmund Miller. having fallen into habits
of intemperance. was, on the 12th of December 1860
at his own desire. by vote of the Church. Suspended
from Regular Christian Standing. for three months.
both for the honor of the Gospel and in the
hope that by the grace of God the Erring brother
might repent of his sin and Escape the dominion
of his Lusts:
At the Expiration of the three months. there
being no Effectual amendment. the brother

was conferred with. & as he acknowledged. that he had yet no claim to the Confidence of his brethren. his case was not called up for action at that time and he remained suspended to Christian privileges.

At the expiration of six months from the date of his suspension. the habits of drinking becoming more and more desperate. he was conferred with as to the propriety of either his indefinite suspension or his final exclusion from the Church.

At a Meeting of the church August 21st 1861. The Pastor, who, as well as others had from time to time labored with this brother, proposed action to the Church as follows.

Edmund Miller. a member of this Church having been for several months. suspended from Christian privileges on account of habits of intemperance, and no amendment having taken place. the church feel constrained to make his suspension indefinite and do declare him indefinitely suspended from this date! it being understood and provided by this action of the church. that the door is left open to the brother to be restored on evident repentance and reformation and to the church to proceed at any time to his final exclusion, if in their view the circumstances become such as to require it.

It was moved that action to this Effect be taken and the motion was considered. When it appearing that strong objection was made by some on the ground that the case was ripe already for final Exclusion; by others on the ground that the charge of intemperance did not cover the whole case. The Pastor withdrew his proposition of indefinite suspension and threw the matter entirely into the hands of the brethren.

It was then moved and carried that the case of Bro Miller be postponed for four weeks, to be open then for action at large, either under the proposition now made or in any other form which may be deemed Expedient.

Meeting adjourned four weeks.

Roger D. [illegible] Clerk

September 18. 1861. Met according to adjournment. On account of the imperfect attendance the case of Mr Miller was postponed for two weeks and the meeting adjourned.

At the Expiration of the postponement the meeting failed of a quorum and was still adjourned.

Mr + Mrs S. L. Shaw were dismissed and recommended to the fellowship of the first Church in Northampton.

1861. October 16. The Church met and the Case of brother Edmund Miller was called up. and it appearing from Mr Miller's correspondence and from testimony that he was striving against his lusts and to do works meet for repentance. The Clerk renewed the motion submitted by the Pastor Dec 12. 1860. no charge being made against Mr Miller and no intimation being given that any other charges but that of intemperance would be preferred. and it was adopted.

The following was the proposition submitted by the Pastor Dec 12. 1860. and the action proposed is adopted by this vote

"Edmund Miller. a member of this church having been for several months suspended from Christian privileges. on account of habits of intemperance, and no amendment having taken place. the church feel constrained to make his suspension indefinite. and do declare him indefinitely suspended. from this date; it being understood and provided by this action of the Church. that the door is left open to the brother to be restored on evident repentance and reformation and to the Church to proceed at any time to his final excision. if in their view. circumstances become such as [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

Rufus D. Woods

[illegible] Elmwood was dismissed and recommended to the Church of [illegible] College.

October 22 18[illegible]. At a meeting of the Church held this day in the Chapel. Mr Leonard Woods submitted the following motion which was seconded by Deacon A. Foules(?) that we proceed to the choice of one member of this Church to the Office of Deacon. The motion was adopted, and

Bro. Stafford(?) B. Collins was elected.

Mr [illegible] Johnson having asked a letter of recommendation to the Church in [illegible] objection having been made and the case referred to the Examining Committee of the Church. The Pastor in behalf of the Committee reported that it had been represented that some transactions of Mr Johnson connected with the [illegible] of his [illegible] affairs were inconsistent with the Christian profession and suggested the appointment of a Committee of two to state to Mr Johnson the objection to granting his request and to invite him to a Conference [illegible] that explanations which seemed to be necessary might be made. The suggestion was adopted and Mr Ezra Carr(?) & Mr D. T. [illegible] were appointed.

Oct 25. Bros Carr & Drake(?) being absent at the meeting held 22^d inst. I [illegible] this day notified them of their appointment

[illegible] D. Woods Clerk

1861 Nov 2. Mrs Louisa P. Smith wife of Mr Henry W. Smith was admitted a member of this Church by letter from the Church in New Salem.

At the close of the Afternoon Service Nov 10. 1861 Revd J. E. Tyler D.D. of [illegible], having occupied the Pulpit at the request of the Pastor, read the following communication.

Suffield Nov 9. 1861

To the Congregational Church & Parish

Brethren & friends. The state of my health has at length brought me to a conclusion which for several years has been my expectation and dread. But I can resist the considerations that urge to it no longer; I must therefore ask you to unite with me in a Council of Churches for the purpose of dissolving my relation to you as Pastor.

My full conclusion is at last, that nothing short of a long indefinite period of entire freedom from pastoral care can make me equal to the full duties of such a charge as this Parish. It is questionable whether anything can do it. My infirmity is of such a nature, that while I continue in the office, the Pulpit preparation, the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the outdoor exposure of needful attention to the people, forbid all relief or amendment.

If it be suggested that I might resort to a partial performance of duty, I can only say, that while the generosity of this people has already permitted me to use this remedy, it has only proved an aggravation of the evil. My keen sense of needful duty left undone, is the worst of my infirmity.

Neither would a long temporary absence answer the purpose. It would not give me the necessary freedom. It would be too long & too indefinite & uncertain for the interests of the people or for my own improvement and recovery, with the prospect ever before me, of a return to cares only accumulated by the protracted separation. Justice to themselves alone, makes it wise and expedient for the people, to secure the services of a new Pastor in the full vigor of his powers, and not linger and lose ground in the very uncertain hope of retaining the energies of one whose force has been abated, probably, beyond the possibility of such a recovery as will be sufficient for them, [illegible] in such an office as the Charge of a Parish.

Other circumstances, quite distinct from the matter of my ill state of health, might have urged me to the step now taken. Two households in the circle of my family connection have been [illegible] bereavements, [illegible] their cares & interests naturally fall into my hands.

Their welfare must rest continually on my heart
& largely on my hands. with the inconvenience
of a distant residence from them, to harass me.
And though from the urgent necessity of my
state of health, I do not offer these circumstances
as the occasion for the proposed separation. I
may yet say that they are circumstances, which
would lead any man, in any other employment,
to change, if possible, his location.

It is quite needless for me to say how painful
to me is the request I now make. The twenty
years nearly that I have spent with this people
are to be to me doubtless, the most important, the
precious of my life - It is crowded with the
memory of toil, association, sympathies, changes
the most varied & blessed, the most tender and
trying - which, with you personally, my dear
people I shall carry with me, in daily thought, to the
grave. My actual labors among you
I must request to have terminated with the date
of this communication, leaving all future supply
of the pulpit and care of the parish in your hands.
I must ask this, as freedom from responsibility, is
what I immediately need and necessarily expecting.
I would avoid the painful excitement of being among
you in these new and trying circumstances. [illegible]

Suffer me to [illegible] the churches to be
called in council [illegible] health [illegible]

and [illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible] the
any other [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] to make.
Belchertown. [illegible] Present and
Amherst [illegible]

My [illegible] [illegible] with me
actual work [illegible] at the [illegible] of this letter.

[illegible] Brethren & friends [illegible].
from the same [illegible] [illegible] by another
[illegible] I have [illegible] spoken to you.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
love of God & the Communion of the Holy Ghost
be with you all

R[illegible] M[illegible].

A true Copy.

Rufus D. Woods. Clerk.

November 27. 1861. The Church met for business
at the close of the regular Church prayer meeting
in the Chapel. Dea. J. A. Chase was appointed
Moderator.

Voted to comply with the request of the Rev.
[illegible] D.D. to unite in calling a
Council of Churches for the purpose of dissolving
his relation as pastor of this Church.

Deacons Fobes, Chase & Cutting were appointed
a Committee to cooperate with the pastor to
select & invite the Council & to transact any business
that may be necessary to carry out the above vote.

The resignation of Rev Dr McEwen making vacant the office of Treasurer of the Enfield Benevolent Society. Dea S. B. Collins was appointed to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the year.

Rufus D. Ward Clerk

Result of Council—

Enfield Dec 10. 1861.

"By letters missive from the Congregational
"Church in Enfield for an Ecclesiastical
"Council to advise & act upon the request of
"their Pastor Rev Robert McEwen D.D. for a
"dissolution of the relation existing between him
"and said Church, there were present the
"following Pastors & Delegates.

"Church in Belchertown: Rev Henry B.
"Blake Pastor. Bro Orange Walker, Delegate.
"Ware 2nd Parish Rev A. E. P. Perkins. Pastor
"Bro Geo: H. Gilbert delegate. Prescott. Rev
"David Bancroft. Pastor. Bro Blackmer
"Delegate. Greenwich. Rev E. P. Blodgett
"Pastor, Bro John Warner Delegate.

The Council was organized by choice of Rev. H. B. Blake as Moderator & Rev E. P. Blodgett as Scribe. Prayer was offered by the Moderator. The letter com-
"municating the request for dissolution was
"then presented & in view of the statements and
"facts made known the Council was led.

"unanimously though reluctantly to the
"conclusion that it is Expedient that the
"relation Existing between the Rev Robert
"McEwen D.D. and the church and people
"be dissolved & it is hereby dissolved.
It is with unaffected sorrow that
"the members of this Council are called to
"Sanction the sundering of ties so strong and
"tender as those which exist between the
"retiring Pastor of this Church & the Ministry
"& Churches of this region with which he has
"been so long & intimately associated & in
"whose welfare he has ever manifested a
"deep & active interest. In the breaking up
"of this relation it would be difficult to
"express the emotions of our hearts. We feel
"that we have met a great loss both private
"& public in the removal of such a Brother
"from our midst. We hereby express our
"warmest sympathy with the Pastor in that
"he has felt himself under the necessity from
"failure of health of retiring from the loved
"& cherished scene of his long & faithful labors—
"from the pulpit, where he has so ably and for
"so many years expounded the Word of Life – and
"from so many hearts bound to him by ties strong-
"-er than death. We feel assured that the sun-
"-dering of this relation will be felt by no one

"more hardy than himself. We trust
"that his labors in the ministry are by no
"means at an end & we hereby affection-
-ately commend him to the churches as
"a Brother greatly beloved & as an able
"& devoted minister of Christ praying
"the Great Head of the Church that his health
"may be so restored as that he may yet
"engage in the same blessed work which
"has hitherto has been life & highest joy.
And we hereby likewise tender
"our sympathies to the church & people
"deeply bereaved. We know something
"of your loss. We appreciate somewhat
"the desolation which has come over you
"on account of it. Rarely have a people
"enjoyed such a ministry & thus instructed
"as you have been blessed with. We sympathize
"with you in the ardent wish, that it might
"have been longer. But in the arrangement
"of Him who is wiser than man, it has been
"brought to a close - But though his faith-
"ful servants fail, the Great Master still lives
"as the Head of the Church & his care of you is
"as tender as ever. We therefore commend
"you to Him & to the Word of his grace,
"who is able to build you up and to
"make you fruitful in every good -

"praying that He who giveth Pastors and
"teachers for the Edifying of the body of
"Christ will supply all your need"
Adopted by the Council
E. P. Blodgett
Scribe.

A true Copy.
Reuben D. Woods.
Clerk of the Church

1862 Jan Joseph W. Winslow and Emily B
Winslow were dismissed & recommended to
the Congl. Church. East Hampton.

June 21 - 1862
A Letter certifying to the above
request of J. W. Winslow and Emily B
Winslow and as voted by the church
was sent and signed by the clerk
of the Church
Ezra Curry Clerk

Enfield January 15th 1862 Regular meeting of the Church for the choice of officers Rufus D. Wood having declined reelection Ezra Cary was chosen Clerk by ballot and upon motion of Leonard Wood the following pers-ons were chosen Committee of the Church to examine candidates for admission to the Church

Viz Deac Henry Fales
" John G Chase
" Sanford B Collins
" Lewis Daniels
Ezra Cary
Daniel S. Trask
Reuben Thayer

Meeting was then dissolved

Ezra Cary Clerk

Jany 21 – 1862 the Statistics for 1861
answered to Mr. G. Hubbell Amherst
viz
No of Church Members not given
When organized - do
Admitted by Profession 3
do by Letter 4
No of Deaths 6
viz
Susan Foote - Lucy Smith
Sarah Kimball. Lorenzo Daniels
Jane E Potter. Laura W Pope
No who were Dismissed 10
Baptism – Adult 2
do Infancy 1
No in Sabbath School 251

E. Curry Clerk

Feby 22d Blank was returned with the
report of last year which gave the
organization 1790 Male members Jany 1-1861
133 female 218 and as absent 50 and I
return 130 Male 212 female total 342 and as
absent 3 less than last year being 29 there
having gone to new homes 1861 but
have not examined as to the 50 which would
take much time E. Curry Clerk

The following notice was given from the Desk Sabbath March 16th 1862 viz

There will be a business meeting of the Church on Wednesday of the present Week at the Chapel immediately after its usual Weekly prayer meeting to see if the Church will invite the Revd John A Seymour to become their Pastor

Wednesday March 19th 1862
Pursuant to the above notice the Church came together and upon nomination Dea J A Chase was chosen Moderator,

After considerable explanation and discussion the Question was put to the Church

Will we invite the Revd John A Seymour to become our Pastor and settle over us in the Ministry.

Voted that when the question be taken it be taken by yea and nay which was done

Sixteen voted yea
One nay and one blank

March 19th Contin^d

It was mov^d and voted that the three Deacons of this Church be a Committee to inform the Revd J. C. Dayamon of the vote and call of this Church and if he accepts to act in concert with a committee of the Parish in arranging for his Institution.

Voted that this meeting be now dissolved

Ezra Cary Clerk

The Parish having voted a call and Committee to act in concert with the Church the following is their action

Enfield March 20 - 1862.

To Revd John C. Dayamon

Dear Sir. We a Committee of the Church and also of the Congregational Society in this Town have not only as duty but as the pleasure to inform you that both

the Church and Society with great unanimity have at legal meetings call'd for that purpose voted "to invite you to settle over us in the Gospel Ministry."

The Salary voted is seven hundred dollars with the use of the Parsonage and if it should be your pleasure to accept this call it would be in accordance with the feelings express'd that the Institution and Supply ~~should~~ may be at your earliest convenience.

In reference to which you will intimate your pleasure in your reply to us

We are very Respectfully Yours

Henry Fowler } Committee
John W Chase } of
Hanford B Collins } the Church
Ezra Leavy
J. B Wood } of the Parish
Solon S Pope

So Glastenbury Ct
March 27 – 1862

To the Congregational Church & Parish
of Enfield Mass
Brethren & Friends
Believing it my duty I hereby
accept of the invitation to become your
Pastor

May the Lord make us
a mutual help and blessing to
each other and a glory to
Himself

Yours Affectionately
John D. Seymour

Henry Fisk }
John W. Chase } Committee of the
Sanford B. Collins } Church

Ezra Cary }
J. B. Woods } Committee of the
Joseph D. Pope } Parish

Ezra Cary
Clerk of the Church

Wednesday April 9th 1862
At the close of the Wednesday Meeting
there was introduced the subject of
a Delegate to represent us in the
Council to Install Revd J. A. Seymour
with us next week and upon
nomination Mr Lorin'd Wood was
appointed

Ezra Perry Clerk

Pursuant to Letters Missive
from the Cong'l Church in Enfield
an Eccles'l Council convened in the
Chapel of said Church on the
Sixteenth day of April 1862 to
Install if they deemed it expedient
the Revd John A Seymour as
Pastor and religious Teacher
the following Churches
were represented

Church in | Revd Amos R. Blake Pastor
Belchertown | Dea Wm Phelps del

Church in | Revd E P Blodgett Pastor
Greenwich | Bro Simeon Whitcomb Del

Church in } Revd David Bancroft Pastor
Prescott } Dea F. B. Page Del

First Church } Revd Wm G Tuttle Pastor
in Ware } Dea Milton Lewis Del

2d Church } Revd A. E. P. Perkins Pastor
in Ware } Bro Darius Eaton Del

East Church }
Amherst } Bro Sylvester Jones Del

Church in } Revd Wm A Stearns Pastor
Amherst College } Bro Seymour Rowland Del

Also were } Revd Pro Julius H Seelye
Invited } Revd Pro Wm S Tyler

The Council was organized by the choice of Revd A E P Perkins as Moderator and Revd Wm G Tuttle as Scribe

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The customary documents were presented and the Council voted them to be satisfactory

The Council then proceeded to exam-
-ine the candidate on his theological
views, Religious experience and
motives in entering the ministry and
voted them to be highly satisfactory
The following parts were
then assigned

Invocation & Reading the
Scripture by Rev^d Wm G. Tuttle

Introductory Prayer
by Revd H. R. Blake

Sermon
by Revd Pres J. H. Seelye

Installing Prayer
Revd Pres^t Stearns D.D.

Charge to the Pastor
Revd Prof W S Tyler D.D.

Right hand of Fellowship
Revd E. P. Blodgett

Charge to the People
Rev^d A E P Perkins

Concluding Prayer
Revd David Bancroft

Benediction
Revd John A Gregory

The above parts were publicly performed and the Council was dissolved

A true copy { A E P Perkins Mod^r
Attest } { Wm G Tuttle Scribe

Enfield Apr 17th 1862

Ezra Carey
Clerk off Church

June 22^d 1862 Mrs Robert Mc Ewen was Dismis^d from this Church to the First Congregational Ch^h in New London Conn^t

July 20 Jennie Melinda Sprout Baptis^d

Sept 3rd 1862 At a Business meeting of the Church and in view of having some to look after those who may be wandering and to act as Council with the Pastor the Church by vote appointed the following viz

Dea H Foley
Dea J G Chase
Dea J B Collins
Reuben Thayer
Levi Weaver
John S Pope
Wm G Moor

Dec 17th 1862 Mrs Mary R. Rogers she that was Sherman was voted a Dismission and Letter of recomendation to the Church in Wan Town

Jan 28th 1863. The following persons were admitted members by Letter
John A ~~[illegible]~~ Seymour
Mrs Sarah K Seymour
Miss Eliza D Spooner
Daniel S Wilson
Mrs Wilson

January 4th 1863
Miss Mary D Crosby was admitted a member of the Church on the Profession of her Faith.
Daughter of John Crosby

The Church at its Annual Meeting July 14 - 1863 held for the choice of Officers for the Sabbath School made choice of
Rufus D Wood
for Superintendent
Sanford B Collis
Assistant Superintendent
And for Directors
Ezra Leavy
Wm G. More

Mr Collins having declined Mr More was appointed assistant

Annual Meeting for the choice of Officers held at the Chapel at the close of Wednesday evening meeting for the Church
Viz
Committee of the Church to consult with the Pastor in regard to admission also the general interests of the Church
Deac Harry Foby
Dea J. A. Chase
Dea S. B. Collins
Sheldon Warren
Ezra Lamy
Danl T Frank
Reuben Thayer
Also for Clerk by nomination made choice of Ezra Lamy

Ezra Lamy Clerk
Enfield Jany 14-1863

Feby 8th 1863
Mrs Ellen H Emerson voted Letter of Dismission to the 2d Cong. Church Rockford Illinois — she was Kendrick —

1863

Aug. Henry M Smith had a child Bapt^d named

Sept 6. George Chase had a son Baptis^d named John Brockenage

Nov 1 Lottie E Rockwood joined the Church by profession

Nov 1 Mrs Roxa Smith Wife of Leander Smith join^d the Church by Profession

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1864

Jan 3 The Church made choice of Wm G Moore as Superintendent

Augustus F. Tuttle as Ass^t Sup^t of Sabbath Sch^l

Lewis Thayer as Librarian

1864

Annual Meeting Jany 12th 1864

Enfield General Benevolent Society

Revd John C Seymour
for President

Ezra Leavy
John C Chase } Directors
Danl T. Frank

Ezra Leavy
for Clerk or Secretary

Rufus T. Wood
for Treasr

Voted that the Directors appoint Collectors

The Church voted thanks to R. T. Wood as Superintendt of Sabbath School & Chorister of the Choir also to E. P. Smith as Organist for 1863

1864

Annual Meeting to Choose Certain Officers of the Church for the year 1864

Committee to Consult with the Pastor in regard to Admissions to the Church, with any other good of the Church and Chose

Dea Henry Fisher
" John A Chase
" Danford B. Collins
Sheldon Warner
Ezra Cary
Deat. T. Parke
Reuben Thayer

and for Clerk
Ezra Cary

Church Voted that Ezra Cary take Charge of Singing at our Conference meetings

Ezra Cary Clerk

Rec'd on Proffession March 6 - 1864
By Letter
Mrs Anna Patterson
from a Church in Scotland
Mrs Catherine F. Kimball
Wife of Calvin Kimball
from the Church in

March 6

By Profession
Mrs Wealthy M. Gifford
Francis L Porter
Henry F. Smith } Bap'td this day

April 29 - 1864 At a regular Church meeting after some discussion upon motion of Dea' J. A. Chase it was voted that Edmund O Randall be suspended from Church Communion until he gives Evidence of Repentance ~~& Confession~~ upon the charge of Theft + Drunkenness

May 1 - 1864 Mrs Rebecca Dennis (Crosby) Joined the Church by Letter from ~~the~~ the Church in Greenwich
And by profession
Mrs Lorinda (Bufter) Cowen
And Miss Frances Hansey
Daughter of John Hansey

[illegible] July 8 - 1864 Miss Jane McMullen
Joined the Church by profession

Sept 4 - 1864 Miss Anna Sophia Southwick
joined the Church by profession

Wid Leonard Wood was
dismd. from this to Centre Church
Hartford Ct

Wid Danforth Keith was
dismd. from this to the first Church
in Palmer

Nov 6 - 1864 Miss Almira Moore
joined this Church by Letter from
the 2d Church in Ware

Dec 26 Miss Mary L Prior was dismd.
from this to the north Church Springfield

Jany 1. 1865 The following joined
by Letter viz
Doct Granville Knight from
Church in Wethersfield Centre N.H
Mrs A. H. F. Knight from the
Church in Ascutney Vt

June 1 - 1865 Continued
Mrs Mary R Hawes wife of Lewis Hawes from the Church in Belchertown
Also
Mrs Mary Brown from the Church in Belchertown

Ezra Carey Clerk of the Congregational Church Enfield Massachusetts

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Enfield Jany 11. 1865 - The annual business Meeting for the Choice of Officers was held at the Close of the prayer Meeting.

Dea Henry Fobes
" John A. Chase
" S.B Collins
Edward Smith
W. G Moore -
Reuben Thayer
Solon S. Pope - Were appointed the Committee for Examination of Candidate for admission to Church membership

Mr Ezra Cary was Chosen Clerk -
R D Woods was appointed temporary Clerk.

On motion of Mr Edward Smith Voted. To defer the Election of Superintendent of the Sabbath School to the time of the Re-organization of the School.

For Officers of Enfield Benevolent Society

Chose Rev I. A. Seymour President
" Ezra Cary Secretary
" S.B. Collins Treasurer.
Dea J. A Chase
" H. Fobes } Directors
" S B Collins

voted to adjourn

R. D. Woods Temporary Clerk

Letter of Dismission to

Apr 25 to Miss Elora M Ayres — Elora

to the Church in So Hadley

Apr 25 Mrs Lottie E. Benson (Rockwood)

~~to the~~ Elliot Church Newton Corner

July 2 Mrs Harriet A Tucket Joined by

Letter from the church in South

Manchester Conn

25 Capt William Kimball by Letter

from the church in [illegible]

Dismissed

May 10 Mrs Fanny Howe by Letter

~~to the~~ church in . Vt

May 10 Mrs Aldrich by

Letter to the Episcopal church in Amherst

Oct 22 Lyman R Griswold } by

Mrs ~~Anna~~ Griswold }

Miss Lydia Griswold Letter

~~to the~~ Church in Huntington

1865 Joined by Profession
July 2 Mr Edgar A. Tuttle
Sept 3 Miss Clara M Sumner
3d Miss Ellen A Sprout
Nov 5th Mr Alfred Puckett
Master Arthur C Manser
" Herbert H Barlow
Miss Ellen M Barlow

Dismissed
Dec 29 George P. Warner by
Letter to the Church in Naugatuck

4 have Died viz
Mrs Brasser Wife of Ephm Brasser
" Pope Wife of D. D Pope
" Clark Wid of late Ephm Clark
" Ford Wid of late Danl Ford

Pro 7
Letter 6
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Died 4
Dis 1
gain 8

Ezra Curry Clerk

1866

April 6th Mr Ira Lyman Ames joined the Church by Profession

Annual Meeting
January 24th 1866

Made Choice of E. Spalding as Clerk

Dea Henry Fobes
" J. H. Chase
" Sanford B. Collins
Solon S. Pope E 6
Wm G. Moore R I 11
Wm B Kimball +

As Church Committe for Examination of candidates for Admission to the church and for Counsel

Voted to defer Choice of Superintendant of Sabbath School until reorganization of School and establish that as the rule

The Clerk E Spalding wishing to be excus'd from serving gave up the Book

At the preparatory Lecture held Thursday March 1st 1866 the Pastor states the Church was without a Clerk and Cal? for votes by Ballot and made choice of Ezra Cary as Clerk

Ezra Cary Clerk

March 4th 1866

Caleb Tillson and his Wife Esther Tillson joined the Church by Letter from the Church at Prescott

Mrs Elvira Winslow Wife of Oscar Winslow and Daughter of Caleb Tillson joined the Church by Profession

Was Baptised in Infancy

Ezra Cary Clerk

Dismissed April 1866

Eliza Cary Wife of Edward Cary by Letter to that Church in Groton Mass (Congregational)

The Church in January 1866 took up the Case of Edwin O. Randall who had been suspended since April 1864 and after his case had been reported upon the Church voted that he be still further suspended for three months and if efforts should still fail to lead him to return to Christian walk and duty the Church then proceed to cut him off

The Church again May 5th 1866 took up the case of Edwin O. Randall and after report and some discussion his case seemed still more unsatisfactory and the expression was made that there did did not seem to be any object of further delay when the Church voted that the Pastor next Sabbath give notice of the action of the Church as is customary in such a case —

Sabbath May 6th 1866
The Pastor omitted formal notice and gave some reasons for so doing

Business meeting of the Church
May 30th 1866

Whereas in the Case of Edward O. Randall being misunderstood so as not being fully expressed in the vote and action of the Church May 27th inst. in its connection with the action of the Church in January last past

Therefore it was Resolved and voted that the Church declare by vote that the Case of Edward O. Randall an Offending Brother is still open for effort to be treated and after one month from date the Church then proceed to act in the case as duty to him and Christs Kingdom shall require

And further that one of the Church be appointed to visit said Offending Brother with a copy of the Action of the Church this day and to express the hope to him of his return to Christian walk & duty

The Church appointed Rufus D Woods to visit said Brother as above

Ezra Leavy - Clerk

June 29th 1866
At the close of the Preparatory
Lecture the case of Edward O Randell
was brot up and after Report by Mr
R D Woods and some discussion
it was motioned and voted that his
case be postponed until our next
Preparatory Lecture
Ezra Emery Clerk

Aug 31. 1866 At the close of the
Lecture this day the case of Edward
O Randell was brot up when the record
of the last meeting was read also the Letter
from Mr Randell to Mr Woods when
after some remark it was felt and
a motion was made and seconded that
Edward O Randell be cut off from
this Church and that he be no more
a member thereof which motion
was voted by the Church
Also a motion was made
and voted that the Pastor consult
with R. D. Woods and one of them
send the vote of the Church this day
to Mr Randell and express hopes for
his future — Ezra Emery Clerk

1866
May 6 Ira Lyman Jones (Repetition)
joined the Church by Proffession

Sept Mary Emma Sprout
and Mrs Micha U. Gross -
Joined the Church by Profession
Mrs Gross was Baptised
" Miss Harriet Earle
joined by Letter from the Congregational
Church in Greenwich

Dismissed in June
Harvey Morse & Wife to the Congregational
Church in West Brookfield

June Alfred Puckett & Wife to the First
Congregational New Britton C. T.

Sept Caroline Sayres to the Congregational
in Belchertown

Nov Mary (Keith) Porter to the Dutch
Reform'd Church - Bushnell. Ill -

" Mrs Goodell wife of Doct Goodell
to the Church in Lynn
Dec Levi Daggett to the Church in
Quincy Michigan

Members of the Church who have Died for the year 1866
Viz

Joseph Powers	February 12th
Mrs Edward Smith	May 12th
Mrs Weeks	" 26
David Packard	July

Loss

Dismissed by Letter	9	
By Excommunication	1	
" Death	4	14
Gain		
By Profession	4	
" Letter	3	7
Loss in Members		7

Ezra Barry, clerk

Mr Seymour after careful examination Reports 228 as the no of members belonging to this Church and from his report I grade to annual report

1867 Jan 6 Joined the Church by Letter
Mr & Mrs G. R. Dickinson from
the second Church in Amherst

" Mrs Pope wife of S. S. Pope from
the second Church in Ware

The following communication was read
by our Pastor Jan 6. 1867

To the Congregational Church
and Parish of Enfield
Brethren and [illegible] Gentleman
Having been Appointed District
Secretary of the American Tract
Society of Boston for the States of
Ohio and Indiana and believing that
the Great Head of the Church Approves
of my entering upon that important
service, I do hereby tender you the
resignation of my Pastoral Office and
request you to unite with me in
calling a Council to dissolve if deemed
best the Pastoral relation which I now
sustain to you
Be assured though
engaged in a wider field of Usefulness
I shall never cease to regard you

with unfigned interest. I shall ever be jealous of your fair name and delight in your prosperity. My prayer shall be for the Salvation of you all Relieving in the forgiveness of Sins and the Sanctification of the Souls of the Righteous I shall ever cherish with pleasure the thought of being reunited with you in a relationship nearer and dearer than ever before and joining with you in Worship purer and more delightful than was ever experienced on Earth.

Brethren & Friends that you all may be blessed with every blessing in Christ Jesus is the prayer of your Pastor

John A. Seymour

Enfield
July 5. 1867
A true copy Ezra Covey
Clerk

June 13th 1867 Notice was given from the Desk that at the close of the Prayer meeting Wednesday night the foregoing communication would come up for action by the Church

Ezra Covey Clerk

1867

Jany 16th Meeting of the Church at the close of the Wednesday Prayer Meeting according to notice the subject of Resignation as communicated by our Pastor John Adams was took up and considered by the Church and after consultation it was voted upon a motion seconded that said resignation by our Pastor be accepted by the Church

And by motion it was Voted that Dea Henry Foles Dea John a chase & Dea S. B. Collins be a Committe of the Church to Cooperate with the Parish to select and invite a Council to act in dismission as requested by our Pastor.

3' Voted that the meeting be dissolved

Ezra Carey } Clerk

After much care our Pastor Revd N. A Seymour calls the number of Church Members 228

Annual Meeting for Church Officers January 16th 1867

Ezra Carey as Moderator

Committee of the Church to examine those who may present themselves for Admission and for General interests of the Church were chosen as follows

Dea Henry Tobey
" John A Chase
" S. R. Collins
Rufus D Woods
Wm R. Kimball
Ezra Carey

Voted that Ezra Carey continue as Clerk of the Church

Ezra Carey Clerk

Feby 3d 1867 Revd Mr Seymour preachd his farewell Sermon from 2d Cor 13 chapter 11 verse
He treated the subject well and left a good impression

At an Ecclesiastical Council
Convened by Letters missive from the
Church in Enfield at their Chapel
Jan 29 - 1867 at 1 Oclock P.M. Revd
Wm G Tuttle was chosen Moderator
and Revd H. B. Blake Scribe -
There were present from the Church
in Belchertown Revd W. W. Woodworth
Pastor
from the Church in Greenwich Revd
Edwin P. Blodgett, Dea Cyrus Pomeroy
Delegate
from the Church in Prescott Revd
David Bancroft Pastor & Bro H. W.
Freeman Del
from the Church in Ware Village
Revd A. E. P. Perkins Pastor & Bro W. E.
Sheldon Del
from the Church in West Ware
Revd Wm G. Tuttle Pastor
And Revd Henry B. Blake

A Letter was ~~read~~ was read to the council
from Revd John H. Seymour Pastor
of the Church in Enfield to the Church
and Parish requesting a Dismission
from his Pastorate also the action of
the Church & the Parish complying

with this request and uniting with the Pastor in calling a Mutual Council

After a brief statement from the Pastor the Council passed the following Minute

Whereas Revd John A. Seymour having been invited to the Office of Dist Secy of the Amn Tract So in Ohio & Indiana has requested to be dismissed from his Pastorate of this Church & Society and Whereas he has felt it his duty to accept the Invitation the Church and Society assenting this Council confiding in his Judgment

Resolved that the Pastoral relation subsisting between Revd John A. Seymour and the Church & Society is Dissolved. this vote to take effect after the next Sabbath.

In coming to this result the Council part with Rev Seymour with regret & affection & recommend him to the Churches of Jesus Christ as a true & faithful laborer in the Gospel ministry and a Brother beloved.

They also express their confidence in the Church in Enfield & their sympathy with them

and pray that the great head of the church will bless them in the future as in the past and more abundantly

Wm G Tuttle Moderator
Henry B. Blake Scribe

A true copy Henry B Blake
Enfield July 29. 1867

Ezra Leroy Clerk of the Church

Feby 6. Luther Chapin & his Wife Susan were voted & granted Letter of Dis & Recom to the East Congregational Church Ware

Also
to Mary Drury (formerly Davis) Dis & Reco to the Evangelical Church in Athol. Mass.

March 6th The Church voted a Letter of Dismission to Sarah A McGee (formerly Haines) and recomendation to the Congregat church in Colerain - Issued.

Statistics of the Church reported to Rev John M Green of Hatfield

Amt contributed by collection	1576.72
" by Legacy L Woods	400.00
For Mission & Home Missions	1976.72

Members of the Church	221
Sabbath School Scholars	223
" " Teachers	24
Added to the Church by proffession	3
do do Letter	4
Deaths, Dismissions & Excom^t	14
Loss for the year	7

2^d Request from Mr Green I report

the young in our Society 5 to 21 years old	126
Familys who are recon as blonging to our Parish or cannot be reckond to others	125
Familys who attend our church	110

in this do not reckon Catholic Methodist or Baptist

1867

May 5th The following persons joined the Church by Letter
Mrs Sophia D. Chickering from the Congreg^l Church in Hatfield

Gilbert E. Walker and his Wife
M. E. Walker and
Miss Esther A. Griffin from the first Congreg^l Church in Palmer

Wednesday May 8th 1867 The Church at the close of Prayer meeting made choice of Wm B. Kimball Superintendant of Sabbath School and Edward Smith assistant Supert.

Sunday May 12th 1867
Rev E. C. Ewing commenced to supply the Desk and is also to ocupy the Parsonage

Tuesday May 14 1867
Deac John A Chase resigned his Office of Deac. on account of infirmities of body and is about to leave this Town

June 16 1867 John A. Chase was at his request Dismist from this Church and recomended ~~to the Tabernacle Church in Salem~~
By vote of the Church

June 19th 1867 Mrs Mary Ann Ross met the Committee and was propounded for Admission to the Church

June 19th 1867 Meeting of the Church for business at the close of the Wednesday Prayer meeting

And upon motion it was voted that the Revd Mr Ewing who is supplying the Desk act as Moderator of this and subsequent business meetings of the Church subject to any vote of the Church to change said appointment

The subject of choosing a Deacon was brot before the meeting and after discussion it was voted to proceed to the choice of a Deacon

When it was motiond and voted that the subject be put in the hands of a Committee who are to Report at the

Close of the Lecture next week
The committee chosen were
Ezra Cary. Daniel G. Frank
Lemuel Kimball. S. S. Pope
Edwin Smith
Voted that the Meeting
stand adjourned one week from this
day at 2 P.M.
Ezra Cary
Clerk

Enfield June 26 - 1869
Business Meeting of the Church
according to adjournment
Record read by the Clerk
Committee Reported by referring back
to the Church the whole subject
without any recommendation of Person
or manner -
Report accepted
Voted to proceed to the choice of
Deacon - 1st Ballot no choice
2d Ballot made choice of Wm G. Moore
Voted to Dissolve the Meeting
Ezra Cary Clerk

June 30th 1867
The Church voted that Mrs Ann Chase Wife of Dea J. A. Chase have a Letter of Dismission and recommendation to the Tabernacle Church in Salem

Letter issued

E. Cary - Clerk

July 7th 1867 Wm G. Moore was this day set apart by Prayer as Deacon of this Church

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July 7th 1867 Mrs Mary Ann Ross was this day recd. into the Church on Profession of her Faith

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Sabbath Aug 25 1867
At the close of the Preparatory Lecture Wednesday P.M. a Business meeting of the Church will be held to see What action the Church will take having in view the calling of one to settle over us in the Gospel Ministry

A general attendance of the Church is desirable

Ezra Cary Clerk

Aug 28th 1867

At a Meeting of the Church cal^d. this day to act having in view the settlement of a Pastor the meeting was organiz^d by choosing Dea Henry Fales Moderator

After discussion a motion was made to see if the Church would take action which was decided in the affirmative.

When a motion was made that Revd Edward C. Ewing be invited to settle over us as Pastor which was voted unanimously – 23 members present –

Upon motion the three Deacons were chosen a Committee to act for the Church and confer with a Committee that may be chosen by the Parish to carry out said settlement.

Upon Motion it was voted that the Clerk act as substitute in case Dea Collins should be absent

Ezra Carey Clerk

Sept 24-1867 Letter of Dism^n and recom-mendation of Sheldon Warner & Wife Charlotte Warner Elizabeth Warner to the Westminster Presby^n Church in Utica N York

Sept 30-1867 Letter of recommendation to Mary W. Warner to the Church of the Pilgrims - Brooklyn N.Y.

Oct 7-1867 Letter to Doct Granville Knight & his Wife to the Congreg^l church Springfield Vt

Dec 10-1867 Letter to Revd John C Seymour and his Wife Sarah K. Seymour to the 1st Presby^n Church Cleveland - O

Dec 10-1867 Letter to Mrs Linda Train - Miss Roana Train and Nathl Colt Train to the Cong^l Church West Brookfield

Dec 30 Letter to Bradford E. Sprout Mrs Lucia A Sprout Miss Ellen M Sprout " Mary E. Sprout to the Cong^l Church West Brookfield

Revd Edward C Ewing
Dear Sir
The Undersign'd have been
Chosen to inform you that the
Congreg'l Church & Parish of this
Town at Meetings regularly called
have voted to invite you to settle
over us in the Gospel Ministry
The Parish Voted as Salary
Twelve hundred dollars Less one
hundred dollars for use of Parsonage
making Eleven hundred in money
yearly
If it should be your
pleasure to accept said call
the undersign'd are also appointed
to confer with you having due view
Arrangements for your Installation
We wait your answer
Very Respectfully yours

Henry Fobes } Committee
Wm C Moore } of the
Ezra Cowan } Church
Edward Smith } Com
Dennis Searle } of the
Joseph Root } Parish

Sep 1867

To the Congreg'l Church and Parish of Enfield Mass

Dear Brethren. Your Communication of the 7th inst is before me. Having sought divine guidance in relation to its contents I believe it to be ~~my~~ the will of our common Lord that your invitation be complied with. And I do hereby most cordially accept it with this further condition viz that I receive each year a vacation of two weeks to be taken at such times as I may designate giving due notice to your Standing Committee. In taking this responsible step I acknowledge my unworthiness of the great honor to which I am called of God the honor of preaching the blessed gospel of his dear Son and I solicit your prayers that the relation about to be formed may result in the glory of God the advancement of his cause and the salvation of many souls.

I remain dear Brethren
Your Servants in Christ
Edward C. Ewing

Enfield Sept 10 - 1867

An Ecclesiastical Council by Letters Missive was conven^d in the Chapel of the Congreg^l Church in Enfield Oct 9th 1867 at 9 1/2 o'C AM to Install over them if deemed expedient the Revd Edward C. Ewing

There was present from the Church in Belchertown
Revd W. W. Woodworth
Bro Cromwell Walker
from the Church in Greenwich
Revd Edward P. Blodgett
Bro John Warner
from the Church in Ware
Rev^d Wm G. Tuttle
Bro L. G. Cummins
from the 2^d Church in Ware
Revd A. E. P. Perkins
Bro Luther Chapin
from the Church in Prescott
Revd D. Bancroft
from a Church in New London
Revd Robert McEwen D D

Revd W. W. Woodworth was chosen Moderator
Revd D. Bancroft as Scribe

Prayer by the Moderator

The usual papers from the Committee of the Church & Society & Pastor Elect were presented and deemed satisfactory and in keeping with a motion sustained.
The Candidate was carefully & fully examined questions being propounded by several members of the Council.
The Council being by themselves were unanimous in their judgment that the Rev^d Mr Ewing had shown himself to be at home in the science of Theology & with other subjects thereto belonging. His Christian experience as as related by himself seemed to be the results of a life hidden in his soul by the Holy Spirit.
The Vote of the Council to proceed to his Installation was unanimous and they decided to have the following the order of the service

Voluntary by the Choir
Invocation & Reading of the Scripture by the Rev^d Mr Bancroft
Singing
Sermon by Rev^d Mr Perkins
Singing
Installing Prayer by the Rev^d Wm H. Tuttle

Charge to the Pastor by the
Revd W. W. Woodworth
Right hand of Fellowship
Revd Mr Blodgett
Address to the People by the
Revd Robert McEwen D.D.

Voluntary
Benediction by the Pastor

After the services were concluded
as noted in these minutes the
Council adjourned without date

W. W. Woodworth
Moderator
D. Bancroft
Scribe

A Copy of the minutes of Council
Ezra Leavy
Clerk of the Church

Oct 30 1867 Business Meeting of the Church at the close of the Wednesday preparatory Lecture

The Committee in regard to Discipline were cal^d upon if any action had been taken but were not ready to report any action for the Church at present

The subject of the Church Covenant was brot by the Pastor upon which there was some discussion when a motion was made & seconded that a Committee of three together with our Pastor take the subject into consideration and report to the Church such change if any in our church covenant as shall seem important

Chos Edward C. Ewing
Ezra M. Cary
Solon G. Pope
Danl. S. Trask

Meeting disolved

Ezra Cary Clerk

Collection for the Table taken up

1867

In closing the Wednesday meeting Oct 2
Dea Collins read Letters from the
Congreg Church in Ashfield recommending
Rev. Edward C. Ewing to our fellowship
also his Wife Mary L. C. Ewing and called
for a vote admitting them as members
which was declared in the Affirmative

Nov 3d Mrs Mary L. A. Ewing Enters
into Covenant with this Church
Also by Letter
R. Earl Aldrich from the Methodist
Church in this Town
And
Eliza Ann Aldrich his wife
from the Congreg Church in Granby

By Profession of their Faith
Mrs Hattie E. Hess
Her Husband works Upper Factory

Ezra Loomis Clerk

Jan 1-1868 At the Close of the Wednesday Meeting The committee on revising the Church Covenant appointed Oct 30th 1867 made their report presenting Confession, Covenant and a Set of Rules for this Church.

The subject was remarked upon and upon Motion they were voted and adopted as Confession, Covenant and Rules of this Church.

Upon motion it was voted that the same Committee Continue to act and have the same printed for the use of the members leaving the form and amt. to their judgment.
Also to take the Bible funds so far as they go to meet the expense

Ezra Carry - clerk

Dismissals for the year (1867) 21
Members who have Died 3
Viz Ephm Basset 24
Percy S. Woods
Mrs Frances Jones
Admitted by Letter 11
Do Profession 2 13
Church loss in nos 11

Annual Meeting of the Church for the choice of Officers as specified in the recent rules adopted by the Church was held this Eighth day of June 1868 at the close of the Wednesday Meeting

Rev E. C. Ewing Moderator
and by Ballot chosen
Ezra Cary — Clerk
Also by Ballot
Wm R. Kimball - Treas
and by nomination
Sanford R. Collins - Auditor

Rev E. C. Ewing
Dea Henry Foles
" Sanford R. Collins
" Wm G. Moore
S. S. Page
Calvin Kimball
D. T. Trask as Committee
of the Church in regard to new members and other matters as provided in the Church Rules

The Clerk to receive all money raised by Subscription - record the same and pas over the same to the Treas

Ezra Cary - Clerk

Jan 8th 1868 - The Church voted a Letter to S. Elizabeth Chapin and Dismission to the Payson Church Easthampton qualifying it according to our Rules she having been Absent some years

The following is the action of the Church at the close of the Wednesday Prayer meeting this twenty second day of April 1868 as Reported to me -
Viz Dea Henry F. Lees a Brother of this Church Complains of Ozias Randall An other Brother that he was in the Habitual neglect of the Sanctuary and although Labored with he is not dispos'd to reconsider the habit.
The Church votes to entertain the Complaint and give Mr Randall a hearing
Voted that this meeting stand adjourn'd two weeks from this day at 2 o'clock P. M and that Mr Randall be invited to be present at said meeting when he may be heard
Ezra Cary Clerk

Copy of Complaint and vote of the church in notice to Mr Randall Apr 27th 1868 by Mr Joseph Woods - Belchertown

May 3d 1868 The following persons having been propounded were admitted to this Church this day - Viz
Mrs Nancy Gardner from the first Church in Ware
and Mrs Town Wife of Andrew Town from the Church in Greenwich
Also on
Profession of her Faith
Mrs Lydia B. Marwood Wife of Benj. F.

May 6th 1868 Buisness meeting of the Church according to Adjournment of April 22 in the case of Ozias Randall a Record of which meeting was read and also the notice to Mr Randall and after inquiring there did not appear as though Mr Randall had responded in any way or provable chance for satisfaction. Whereupon it was moted -ioned and seconded and the Church voted to excommunicate said Ozias Randall from being a Member of this Church
Voted that the Clerk notify Mr Randall and that the Pastor give notice from the Desk of said action of the Church
Ezra Cary Clerk

May 6 1868 The Church by Ballot voted
for Superintendent of the Sabbath
School and made choice of
Wm B. Kimball

Voted that the meeting be dissolved
Ezra Henry - Clerk

May 6th 1868 The Church having
Introduced a change in regard
to Disaplin The Clerk Ezra Henry
at the business meeting this day
Tendered his resignation as
Clerk to take effect at the
closing of the Records of this
Meeting

A Business Meeting of the Church was
held at the close of the Wednesday prayer
meeting July 8-1868
To chose a Clerk, as Mr Henry had
resigned as above, and made choise
D. T. Trask
Voted to dissolved the meeting
D. T. Trask Clerk

January 1 1869
Members who have died in 1868
Austin Crosby
Wid Sanford Hause
" Lydia Potter 3
Rec'd. Profession of Faith
Mrs Benj Harwood 1
admitted by Letter
Mrs Calvin Bassett
" Nancy Gardner
" Edward Smith
Mr & Mrs A. D. Potter & Wife
Miss Abbie Nash 6
Dismissed and recommended to
other Churches
Miss Elizabeth Chapin
" Eliza Spooner 4.

Annual Meeting of the Church
for the choice of officers as directed
in the rules adopted by this Church
Jan 6th 1869 at the close of
the Prayer meeting
Rev C. C. Emery moderator
Wm G. Moore Clerk
Wm B. Kimball Treasurer
J. B. Collins Auditor

The Standing Committee
of the Church are the following
Rev C. C. Emery
Dea Henry Bates
" J. B. Collins
" Wm G. Moore
C. S. Frank
Calvin Kimball
Silas Boynton

Sister Eliza Sanborn member of
this Church having united with
a Methodist Church in Wilbraham
without giving this Church any
notice the Church voted to
erase his name from the
Church Book

Voted to adjourn two weeks

Jan [illegible] 1869 Business meeting
of the Church according to
adjournment of Jan 4th
the report of the Examining committee
was read and approved by
the Church
voted to continue the same course of
collecting the contributions
as in the past year
the meeting was dissolved

W G Moore Clerk

Jan 24th 1869 Dismissed & Recommended
Jonas M. Nason and Wife to
the Church in Belchertown

Feb 1 1869 Mrs David Packard
Dismissed & recommended to the
Congl Church in Hatfield.

March 4th 1869 Mrs Esther Leonard
Dismissed and recommended to
the Congl Church in Packardville.

March 7th 1869 the following persons
[illegible] having professed [Baptised and] admitted
to this church on profession of their faith
Francis W Pettengill & Jane A Pettengill his
wife

May 2d 1868, Mrs Lucinda Spears was admitted to this Church on profession of her faith

May 3, 1869 Dismissed and Recommended L. Earl Aldrich and Eliza Ann Aldrich his wife to the Church in Ware Town

Died April 7, 1869 Mrs David [illegible]

Mrs Esther M Kemp was admitted to this Church by letter July 4 1869

Mr Andrew Town's Child was baptised Nov 5, 1869

Mrs Lucretia Sampson was baptised and admitted to this Church by profession Nov 7, 1869

Sarah Caroline Root was baptised and admitted to this church by profession Nov 7. 1869

Edward Son of Rev E. C. Ewing was baptised Nov 7. 1869

Wid Dolly Allen Died Oct 6, 1869

1871. Jan; 12th
Annuel meeting for the
choice of Officers

Made Choice
of Wm G. Moore as Clerk
Wm B. Kimball Treasurer
S B Collins Auditor

The standing committee
of the Church are the following

(Dea Henry Hobe)
" S. B. Collins
" Wm G. Moore
(T. I. Trask
Calvin Kimball
S. S. Pope

The annual report of the
Church as made out by
the Rev E. E. Ewing was read
and to the Church and
Excepted and adopted
There was a Committee of
five besides our Pastor
Examine and Select
Sabbath Schools Books

the following were
chosen as that Committee

E. G. Emmons
W. B. Kimball
J. B. Collins
Augustus Fuller
Mrs. Mary Potter
Mary Daniels

it was voted to extend the
privilege of voting in the
business meetings of the
Church in future to the
Sisters of the Church

W. G. Moore
Clerk

Mrs McClary Died
Feb 20th 1870 age 62

Mrs Nathaniel Sanderson
died Feb 27th 1870 age 81

Feb 23rd Luther Hunt and Mrs Geo.
Dixon were examined by the Committee
and accepted by the Church

Charlie Lewis son of Lewis Thayer was Baptised March 2, 1870

Mrs Hellen Dixon was admitted to this Church on the profession of her faith this 6 Day of March 1870

Wid Nathaniel Chickering Died April 13th 1870 aged 83

Mrs Fanny W. Kimball was admitted to this Church on the profession of her faith this first Day of May 1870

Roswell Underwood Died May 31st 1870 Aged 75

Mrs Lyra Lacy [illegible] Died Aug [illegible] 1870

[illegible] was admitted to this Church on the profession of his faith Sept 4th 1870

[illegible] was admitted to this Church on the profession of her faith Sept 4th 1870

John, E, Hess Charles, L, Hess
Harry B, Hess children
of Mr. Hess were baptised
July 3rd 1870

In 1870 there was 4 deaths

Mrs McClure Feb 20th Age 92
Mrs Nathan Spalding Feb 27th age 81
Mrs Nathan Hutchins April 13th age 83
Roswell [illegible] May 31 age 7[illegible]
Mrs Ezra Cary August 2d age

During the year
the has been 4 added to the Church
by profession of their faith in Christ
Miss Hellen K Dixon
" Fanny W Kimball
James L Heald
Sarah P Hunt

During the year
there were 4 children baptised

W. G. [illegible], Clerk

1811

At the annual meeting of this Church on the [illegible] of [illegible] for the ensuing year [illegible]
Jan 1st 1811

[illegible] chosen W. G. Moore
as Clerk

[illegible] B Kimball Treasurer

[illegible] J. B. Collins Auditor

The Standing Committee
as follows
[illegible] Henry Fobes
" J. B. Collins
" W. G. Moore
C. T. [illegible]
J. S. Pope
Calvin Kimball

There was a Committee chosen
to examine & select Sabbath
School books for the Library
[illegible] [illegible]
W. B. Kimball [illegible] Potter
J B Collins [illegible] Daniels

Augustus [illegible] was chosen Superintendant of the [illegible] [illegible] Assistant —

W G Moore } Clerk

John L Barton who has been for a long time suspended from this Church and showing no signs of disposition for his course of life it thought best to see him and see if there if there was any reason why he should not be cut off from the church

W G Moore } Clerk

The report of the committee the church for the year 18[illegible] was read [illegible] accepted

W G Moore } Clerk

Feb 26 Brother A Moody was chosen deligate to Counsil) Granby invited by the Church in) — for the purpose of installing Rev, R, Emerson as pastor —

W G Moore } Clerk

Voted unanimously to invite Rev. J. T. Ayers Evangelist to labour with us for a Season in promoting the Reviveal of Religion already in progress

April 3 Voted to give to Mrs J. S. Chandler a letter of Dismission & of recomendation to the Olivet Church Springfield Rev L. H. Cone pastor

W G Moore } Cler

April Brother L Tuttle was chosen deligate to the Hampshire East Conference at Hadley Rev Mr Ayres Church

W G Moore

Rev Mr Lyman having had a Call from the Church in Belchertown to become there pastor Dea L. B Collins was Chosen deligate to the Council to be held May 10th 1871

W G Moore } Clerk

April 5th the church voted to give Mrs Abba H. Spitzle a letter of dismission and of recommendation to the 2d Cong. Church in Holyoke — the Rev. Mr Trask

voted to give Alzina Winslow a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Methodist Episcopal Church in this Town

W. G. Moore } Clerk

Aaron Woods died June 10th 1871
aged 83 years

The church voted to suspend the rule No. 3 which requires the candidate for admission to the Church to stand two weeks after being propounded before his admission in order that Brother Fredrick Pope who is out of town can have an opportunity to unite with the Church the next Communion

W. G. Moore } Clerk

Persons who joined the Church
July 2, 1871

Ann S Aldrich
x Mary J Aldrich
x Mary E Ayres
Emeline E Barlow
x Francis N Barlow
Calvin H Bassett
x Clarry J Boyington
Charles E Cary
x Martha J. Cary
x Geo P. Dixon
x Albert A Eddy
x James Foster
x Alsea Foster
Ariel Hess
x Mary S Hanks
x Relina A Hawes
Matthew H McClary
x Elmer H Pitsinger
x Lizzie Pope
Geo W Pope
Edward Pope
Fredric C Pope
Mary J Potter
x Amanda H Randall
x L. Jane Rider
x Henry N Richards
Hannah Sanderson
Jane Smith
x Francis A Snow
x Martha E Thayer
x Royal G Thurston
x Alison T Tisdale
Mary L Tuttle
Arthur N Ward
x Mary Wilson
x Daniel E Wilson
x Joseph Wilson
x Geo B Barlow

those marked x were baptized

Children Baptized

Edith Almira
Frank Loren
Fred Silas

Children of Loren & Clara J Boynton.

H G Moore
Clerk

The following persons joined the Church Sept 3, 1871

Elijah Newell
E. A. Kemp
Abba M Earle - Bap
Mary E Eddy "
Sarah A Snow "
Mary E Callis "
Hattie L Foster "
Miriam A Aldrich "
Laura A Elwell "
Nellie J Dickinson "
Amanda W. Woods
Mary J Potter
Prudence E. Richards -

Children baptised Sept 3, 1871
Caroline V Thayer (daughter of
Lewis Thayer —
Nellie Eliza Brown
Walter Lyman Brown
Children of Henry Brown

Persons who united with this Church Nov 5th 1871

Mrs Emma L Ward from Congl Church in Keesville N Y
Mrs Eliza Ann Shepherd from Congl Church in Conway Mass
Mrs Emma L Woods from from Congl Church in So Amherst
Mrs Lucy A Earle on Profession

Mrs Eliza H Raymond dismd from this Church & Recd to the Bethany Church in Utica N Y

Wid. Sylvanus Howe died November 15th 1871 age 87

Dec 17th the Church voted to give Carrie Root Conkey a letter of dismission & Recommendation to the North Church in Springfield

Jan 1st 1872

[illegible]

[illegible] 1872 [illegible]

The report of the Standing Committee was read, and its recommendations taken up [illegible].

The following persons were appointed Committee [illegible]

Rev. C. C. [illegible]
H. S. [illegible]
F. S. Co[illegible]
Miss R. G. [illegible]
Miss J. E. Clark

Discussion then arose upon recommendations [illegible]
[illegible] meeting [illegible] was adjourned to Wednesday January [illegible]

... [illegible] ... to [illegible] ... of the creed. it was voted to lay the recommendation of the [illegible] on the table [illegible] for further consideration.

The recommendation of the Committee to adopt a new plan of taking [illegible] contributions for the [illegible] was discussed and adopted.

Reports were read by the Clerk, Treasurer, and the Sec. S. Sch. which were accepted.

Voted that the incidental expenses of the Sunday School for the future be [illegible] by the Sunday School and not by the Superintendent as formerly.

The following Officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

Standing Comm — [illegible]; [illegible] Kimball; [illegible] Trask

Clerk - S. B. Collins. Treas - [illegible] Kimball

Collector - [illegible] Tuttle

S. S. Librarian - [illegible] Thayer.

The case of [illegible] L. [illegible] was taken from the table, and it was voted that his relation to this Church be sundered.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

S. B. Collins. Clerk.

Brother [illegible] having [illegible] serving as S. S. Librarian, was excused and Brother R. L. Thayer was chosen in his stead.

January 6th. 1873. S. B. Collins. Clerk.

1873

The annual business meeting of the church was held this thirtieth day of January 1873, at the Chapel. Rev E. C. Ewing, moderator.

The clerk of the church, S. B Collins, not being present W. B. Kimball was chosen clerk pro. tem. –

The Treasurers Report was first read and accepted. The Report of the clerk was then read, by W. B Kimball, and accepted –

The Reports of Standing Committee was then read by Rev E. C Ewing and its recommendations adopted –

In accordance with these recommendations it was voted "That the plan of collecting benevolent contributions be the same as last year and that the money be divided as follows":

Foreign Missions	thirty (30) per cent	
Home "	" (30)	"
Am. Miss Association	twenty five (25)	"
Congregational Union	Six (6)	"
Education Society	Four (4)	"
Western Colleges	Three (3)	"
Cong. Publishing Society	Two (2)	"

It was also voted. "That the Clerk be instructed to communicate with members of the church who have been absent a year or more, from our communion, requesting them to remove their connection to churches in their present vicinity, or to give reason for declining so to do - If any shall fail to respond to this request previous to the first day of July next their names shall then be dropped from the list of members of this church and their connection with us shall terminate, —

Dea Fobes not being present, there was no report concerning the collections for the poor of the church during the past year —

The choice of Officers then followed viz

Clerk (By Ballot) E. Cary
Treasurer " W. B. Kimball
Auditor Miss Jane E. Clark

Standing Committee
Mr E. Cary
Mrs R. D. Woods
Miss Jane E. Clark

Voted to dissolve the meeting

W. B. Kimball
Clerk pro. tem.

Enfield. Jan. 30th. 1873.

March 3d 1873
At the request of Mary S. Hawks the Church voted a Letter of Recommendation to the Methodist Church in Cambridgeport Mass. –

Apr 18–1873 Letter to Esther A. Gates
Recommendation to the Congreg Church
West Brookfield

Feby 4 - 1873
Dea Collins sent as follows

Mr Ezra Carey Clerk of the Congre'l Church in Enfield - Mass.
My Dear Brother
This is to Certify that I do now resign the Office of Deacon which I hold in this Church
Truly Yours
Sanford B. Collins

Subsequently the Clerk and another Brother had an interview with Dea Collins and at our request his resignation was withdrawn for further reflection whilst he continued to act.

March 4th 1873
Dea Collins notified me that his Resignation must take full Effect and no longer to act in said Office
Ezra Carey Clerk

May 2d 1873
At a Regular meeting of the Church
After notice on the Sabbath was brot
up the Question of Choosing a Deacon
of this Church also Superintendent and
an Assistant Supt of the Sabbath School
The Church voted to choose one
Deacon for the term of three years
commencing with the Annual meeting
in Jany past and favoring a change
from life term and made
Choise of Augustus Moody
as Deacon
Choose Rufus D. Wood and
R. L. Thayer as
Superint and Assist Superint of
Sabbath School
Ezra Cary
Clerk

Sept 5-1873
Wid Myra G. Walker was
Dismis from this Church and
recomended to Congreg Church
in Belchertown

1873

Sept 5 – Revd Mr Ewen presented the Case of Dismission of Certain Members but the Church did not pass Vote upon it.

Oct 26 – 1873 Eugene A. Tuttle and his Wife were dismiss: from this Church and recommended to the first Church in Holyoke

The following Persons were written to in March and April according to a Vote of the Church at their Annual Meeting held in Jany last viz

Mercy Bacon at Princeton Illinois and through her to her Daughters Fidelia & Henrietta

Get no answer

Henry W. Smith of Boston

No answer

Francis S. Bester of Marysvill Marion County Iowa

No answer

Wid Mary Powers
(Sent to Rutland)
No answer

Joseph L. Root – Springfield
No answer

Healthy M. Gifford – Pittsfield
No answer

Ashael Billings
and his Wife at (Springfield
They wish to be dropt from our list

Mrs Fales – Brookfield
who was dismist by Letter

Mrs Sarah J Green – Hatfield
wishes her name to continue
on the list of this Church

Mrs Martha E. M Trask – Springfield
The Letter went to Washington
and return'd to me

Mrs Clarinda Barlow | Pelham
wishes to remain with us

Corrspondence Contin^d

Wrote Roxana Smith who
Married Mr Greenlief now in Hardwick
Wants her Relation with us to Continue

Lyman S. Jones he wants his Relation
with us to Continue
Also
Rebecca C. Davis
Augusta L Crosby
Sarah J. Arnold
Wid Bethiah Arnold

In the case of Mrs Bracket (upham)
did not write as it would be
Useless as she left us some 25 years
ago
Ezra Cary C. Clerk

The Death of Wid Bethia Arnold is
Anounced and was bro^t to this Town
and Buried Friday Oct 31-1873

Jan'y 4 – 1874
The following Persons join'd the Church by Proffession

Miss Minnie Smith
" Sarah Ann Rose
" Jane Hall
" Flora Felton

Annual Meeting of the Church held at the Chapel Jan'y 23 1874 and the first action was to hear the report of Standing committee which was read by Rev E. C. Ewing reviewing the year past and the first was in regard to the repair of the Meeting House commenc'd the last of April and Dedicated Dec 2d and was accomplis'd with much harmony & success.

Special mention is made of the valuable services of the Building Committe and of Edward Smith who had spent much time and energy in regard to the repairs and the Church voted the following

The Clerk of the Church is hereby instructed to record in the minutes of this meeting a vote of thanks to Brother

Jany 23 - 1874

Edward Smith for his assiduous and unceasing efforts in the work of repairing the House of God during the past year, which is owing to his personal oversight for so successful an issue to the undertaking -

The Spiritual condition of the Church much the same as 1872 and a lack of Attendance upon the weekly Prayer Meetings -

The Afternoon of the 2 Sabbath of each month is devoted to the Sabbath School now under the Superintendance of R. L. Thorpe -

The same general plan as pursued last year in our Benevolent contributions on cards is recommended for this year and to be divided as follows

For - Mission 30 pr ct. Home Mission 25 pr ct
A Miss. a 20 pct Cong Union 5 pr ct
Education So 5 pr ct Church Repairs 5 pr ct
Seamans Friend So 5 pr ct Ministerial Aid 3 pr ct
Congre Pub. S. 2 pr ct

Mention is also made in regard to Absent Members of this Church and what action has been done by the Clerk as pr Vote of the Church one year ago which report of the Clerk is as follows

In accordance with said action of the Church the Clerk did communicate with several Members of

June 23^d 1874

this Church giving a Copy of said vote during the Winter and Spring and of the Number one has Died - Wid Arnold
One has taken a letter - Mrs Fales

Seven express the wish to remain connected with this church for the present viz.
Sarah J Green
Clarinda Barlow
Roy^a Smith Greenlief
Lyman S Jones
Rebecca C. Davis
Agusta L Crosby
Sarah J Arnold

Voted & accepted

Effort has also bin made to hear from four of our number whom the Committe recomend that they be continued for further effort
Viz Wid Mary Powers
Martha E. M. Trask
Henritta Bacon
Fidelia Bacon

Voted and accepted

In the case of Ashael Billings and his Wife who have bin absent for a number of years and in accordance with their feelings be dropt from our list - Also that of Mrs Upham Brackett who left our communion some twenty five

Jany 23^d 1874

years ago be dropt from our list of Members
the date at this our annual meeting

Which was voted & accepted

No Answer was rec^d. from the following

Wid Mercy Bacon

Joseph L Root

Francis L Bester

Wealthy M Gifford

Henry W. Smith

Which five names were also
Voted as dropt from our list in accordance with
the vote of the Church had at their annual meeting
Jany 1873 —

The Church voted that the notice to
absent members as directed to the Clerk as per
vote of the Church Jany 13-1873 be continued to July 1st
1874

Ezra Cary Clerk

The Treasurer Made his Report of the
Am^t. Contributed for Benevolence and giving
as the result as being 1650.00

Dea Fobes reports for the year about 26$

Am^t. on hand about 20$

The Clerk Ezra Cary wishing to be excused
from further action as Clerk the Church
proceeded to vote and made choice of
Augustus Moody as Clerk

Ezra Cary Clerk thus far

Chose, W. B. Kimball, Treasurer.

For Standing Committee, chose in addition to the Pastor and Deacons –

Ezra Cary
Mr R. L. Woods
Miss Jane E. Cary

Chose, R. L. Thayer, Superintendent of Sabbath School
" A. J. W. Ward, Assistant Sup. of " "

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A. Moody, Clerk.

Enfield Jan. 23" 1874

April 11 1874 Chose Edward Smith delegate to attend – with our Pastor – a Council to be holden in Granby to dismiss the Rev. R. Emerson the 23 inst.

April 26" 1874 Dea W. G. Moore and Reuben Thayer were chosen delegates to attend the Hampshire East Conference to be holden in

South Amherst the 28 [illegible] inst.

May 1st 1874 Mrs. Charlotte Hall and Miriam Antoine Fellows, joined the Church by Profession. Mr. Fellows was Baptized.

May 3rd 1874 At the meeting this evening it was voted, that one half the money contributed for Foreign Missions by this Church and probably be appropriated to the work in Nominally Christian Lands.

May 22 1874 Emma Louisa, daughter of Augustus [illegible], was baptized.

June 4 1874 Notified Albert A. Eddy and Mary Wightmeyer of the action of the Church in regard to absent members. Sept. 18th 74 Received a letter from Mrs Wightmyer, stating her desire to remain connected with this Church

Sept. 6 1874 Miss Abby Magrath was Baptized and united with the Church by Profession.

E[illegible], [illegible] of W. R. Smith
Edward Ewing, " " R. L. Thayer
Sarah Hortense daughter of Eugene Smith
Jessie Isabel " " E. A. Kemp
were baptized Sept. 20th 1874

Oct 4th 1874 A letter of dismission from this Church and recommendation to Central Cong. Church in Providence R. I. was voted to Augusta [illegible]

Oct. 18th 1874 Brothers Edward Smith and R. L. Woods were chosen delegates to the Hampshire East Conference to be holden at South Hadley the 20 & 21 inst.

January 7th 1875 The annual meeting of the Church was held at the Chapel.
Rev. E. C. Ewing, Moderator
Chose A. Moody Clerk
Report of the Clerk was read and accepted.
Voted to accept the Report of the Committee
"The committee recommend the adoption of the [illegible] of the

General Association of 1871 in regard to absent members, which is for consideration. "That the names of members whose residence is unknown be annually read to the church to obtain information about them.
That pastors where members of other churches worship, annually state to their congregations their number, inviting them to join their church.
That a letter be annually sent to all absent members urging them to take letters of dismission, or report annually to the church.
That the church withdraw fellowship on account of long absence and silence from all who fail for three years to make report and to count them no longer as members."
Voted, "To adopt this recommendation.
The committee recommend a modification of our present mode of securing benevolent contributions. Instead of circulating cards, upon which those disposed agree to contribute a definite sum each week, a card shall be posted

in each pew, stating to what objects
and in what proportion to each the
contributions are to be devoted; and
instead of passing the boxes once
each month they shall be passed
each Sabbath.

Voted, To adopt the plan
recommended.

The Committee recommend that the
sums contributed be divided, unless
otherwise ordered by individual givers,
according to the following ratio;

Foreign Missions	20 per cent
" " new work	10 " "
Home Missions	15 " "
American Missionary Association	18 " "
College and Education Society	7 " "
American Tract "	4 " "
Church Repairs	5 " "
Ministerial Aid	4 " "
Congregational Union	4 " "
" Publishing Society	2 " "

Adopted this recommendation.

For Standing Committee, chose
in addition to the Pastor and
deacons, Ezra Cary
Jane E. Clark and Isabella S. Ward

Auditor
Jane E. Clark

Voted, To postpone the choice of Treasurer until the annual report is received.
Superintendent of Sabbath School,
R. [illegible] Thayer
Assistant Arthur [illegible] Ward

Voted To adjourn the meeting.
A. Moody, Clerk.

Feb. 26 At a meeting of the church held this day in the Chapel, the report of the Treasurer for the past year was made and adopted.
Made choice of W. B. Kimball for Treasurer for the ensuing year

Voted To choose a committee of five to select books for the Sabbath School Library

Chosen for Committee
Rev. E. C. Ewing
W. B. Kimball
R. L. Thayer
Mrs. A. D. Potter
Miss. Mary Daniels

A. Moody, Clerk.

Letters were sent to absent members of the church as follows
April 7 Mr. & Mrs H. M. Potter
& Miss. Hattie Earle, Northampton
Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Kimball, Springfield
Mrs. J. L. Wilson, West Brookfield
Misses Jane, Juliet & Hattie Roland, Amherst
Mrs. Mary E. Wrightmeyer, Chicopee
Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Cary, So. Hadley Falls
Mrs. Mary Wilson Charleston N. H.
Mrs. Abbie L. & Miss. Abbie Earle, Athol
Mr. John Ford, Hatfield
Mrs. Orral A. Harwood, Cicero N. Y.
Mrs. Ellen F. Charles, Monson.
April 16. Mrs. Phebe Meekins, Hadley
Mrs. Joseph Powers, Oakham
Mr. Ira L. Jones Barre
April 30 Mr. J. D. W. Stebbins, Saginaw City, Michigan
Mrs. Sarah J. Green, Hatfield
Mrs. L. H. Guthrie, Monson

June 10 Miss Sarina Hunter Springfield
Samuel A Wilson, Lebanon. N. H.
June 23 Mrs. Roxanna S Greenleaf. Hardwick

June 14 Received a letter from Mrs.
Sarah Green, expressing a desire to
remain connected with this church as she
has no certain abiding place

April 18 Mr & Mrs Calvin H. Kimball
were dismissed from this church and
recommended to Memorial Church Springfield
Mr & Mrs Charles E Carr, dismissed and
recommended to the first Cong. Church
So. Hadley Falls
May 9 Misses Jane & Juliet [illegible], were
dismissed and recommended to first
Cong. Church in Amherst
May 9. L. B. Gillett & R. L. Thayer,
were chosen delegates to the Conference
to be held at So. Hadley Falls the
11th & 12th inst.

May 2nd Mrs. Mary H. Tucker joined
this church by letter from the North Cong.
Church, Springfield, and Mrs. Sarah
(Dwight) Munsell by letter from the
Cong. Church, Belchertown.

June 30th Lewis Warner Town, son of A. J. Town, was baptized.
July 4th William Clinton Ewing, son of E. C. Ewing was baptized.
July 4th Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell and Miss Jane Mitchell united with this church on profession and William B. Downing, Mrs. Susan (Smith) Downing and Mrs Emma J. Towne by letter
Aug. 6th Francis Howe son of Henry W. Richards, was baptized
Sept. 5th Mrs Gracia A. Andrews from the First Cong. Church in Franklin N. Y.; and Mrs. Anna Schaffer from the Methodist Episcopal Church So. Wilbraham united with this church, also Anna Estelle Dickinson was baptized and united with this church by profession

Oct. 24th R. M. Woods and R. C. Thayer, were chosen delegates to the conference at North Amherst the 26th & 27th inst.

Nov. 7 Mrs Caroline M. Newton of the First Cong. Church in Millers Falls, united with this Church

The following deaths have occurred during the year

Albert Eddy June 23

Mrs [illegible] Moore July 7th

Mrs Hamilton Mott Aug 29th

Mrs [illegible] Woods Oct 16th

Mrs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Jan. 2d 1876 Mrs. Sophronia Cheney & Mrs Abigail M. Johnson of the Stafford Springs Cong. Church, & Mr. Thomas & Mrs Hannah Wilder of the First Cong. Church in Hyde Park united with this church.

1876

The annual business meeting of the Church was held the fifth day of January 1876 at the Chapel, Rev. E. C. Ewing, Moderator, A. Inwood was chosen Clerk.
The Report of the Clerk was read and accepted.
The Report of the Standing Committee was read and accepted
Voted. To defer further action upon the report of the Committee until after hearing the Treasurers report
The Treasurers report was read and accepted.
Chose W. B. Kimball, Treasurer, Declined serving
Chose R. L. Woods, " "
Voted. To suspend the rule requiring the Treasurer to be chosen by ballot if there be such a rule, and choose by nomination
Chose Miss Jane Smith, declined serving
Voted. To defer the election of Treasurer to the adjourned meeting
Chose R. Lewis Thayer, Superintendent of Sabbath School

Chose, Arthur J. K. Ward, Assistant

Committee on Library
Rev. E. C. Ewing
W. B. Kimball
R. E. Thayer
Mrs. A. J. Potter
Miss Mary Daniel

The Standing Committee
chosen in addition to
Pastor and Deacons
Miss Jane E. Clark
Mr. Ezra Cary
Mrs. Isabella F. Woods
Voted That when this meeting
adjourn it be to Saturday
the 8th inst, at three
o'clock P.M.
Voted, To adjourn.
A. Moody Clerk

Jan 8. 1876. 3 o'clock. At the adjourned meeting
of the Church, the Clerk being necessarily absent, on
motion of Mr Edward Smith
R. D. Wood was appointed Clerk pro tempore.
Voted to adopt the recommendation of
the Standing Committee of the Church. a

expressed in their annual report in regard to the distribution of the money received from the weekly collections on the Sabbath.
On motion of Miss Laura Clark.
S. B. Collins was appointed Treasurer
On motion of Miss Laura Clark
Mrs M. F. Howe was appointed Auditor
The Standing Committee of the Church proposed the following vote which was passed
"In view of the long and faithful service of our retiring Treasurer W. B. Kimball who through ten successive years has received and forwarded to the Benevolent Societies more than $15000 contributed by this Church. We hereby extend to him a hearty vote of thanks for the care and fidelity with which he has fulfilled the trust committed to him."
Voted to dissolve the meeting
R. S. Woods Clerk pro tempore

Jany 28/1878 At a regular meeting of the church held this day for the purpose the following business was transacted.
Chose R. L. Woods, Treasurer
A. Moody was chosen Deacon for the term of three years from the annual meeting in January.
He asked to be excused, but before the vote was taken it was thought best to leave it as unfinished business to be taken up after the prayer meeting on Wednesday next.
The Pastor to call a business meeting at that time and for that purpose.
The Pastor appointed a business meeting to be held on Wednesday the second day February – immediately after the prayer meeting.
The evening being stormy no meeting was held, and no action taken.

A. Moody, Clerk.

March 24 Letters were sent to the following absent members of the Church - signed by the Pastor, and Clerk of the Church.

Mrs. Mary E. Wrightmeyer, Springfield
" Armida Barlow Pelham
" Ella F. Charles Monson
" John Ward. Hatfield
" Henry Harwood Cicero N. Y.
" Mary Wilson Charleston N. H.
" Abbie L. Earle Athol
" Abbie M. Hill "
" Sarah J. Green Hatfield
" John Wilson West Brookfield
Miss, Lavinia Hunter Springfield
April 14 Mrs Phebe Meekins, Hadley
Mr. Joseph Jones Oakham
Mr. Ira L. Jones Barre
Mr. S. S. W. Slottler, Saginaw City Michigan
Mr. S. A. Wilson Lebanon N. H.
Mrs Roxanna S. Greenleaf, Hardwick

April 23 The church chose brothers Ezra Cary and A. Moody, delegates to the Conference to be held in Enfield the 25 & 26th inst,

April 30 Ira L. Jones was dismissed to the Cong. Church in Greenwich

May 7 Nellie Shepard was baptized and united with the church.

May 8 Sylvia H. Ward died aged 68

July 2 Mr. & Mrs. Eugene A. Tuttle from the First Cong. Church in Holyoke united with this church; Willard Haword was baptized and united with the church on profession of faith

Oct. 15 Chose Bros R. M. Woods and R. Thayer, delegates to the conference at Granby the 17 & 18 inst.

Oct. 15 Mrs. Eliza Wilson was dismissed from this Church and recommended to the M. E. Church Babylon N. Y.

Nov. 5 Frederick Daniels son of R. L. Thayer, was baptized.

Nov. 12 Chase Brothers, W. B. Kimball delegate to a Council to be held at East Amherst, the 15 inst to install the Rev. C. W. Hawley as Pastor of the Congregational Church at East Amherst

Jun. 5" 1877 Ada Lydia daughter of Elmer Howard was baptized.

Aug. 19" 1876 Clara F. Towne died aged 30 years

Nov. 16 Phebe Bump, died aged 71 years

Oct. 30 Lucretia Sampson died aged 72 years

Jan. 7th 1877 Miss. Margaret Moffatt united with the church on profession of faith.

Jan. 9th 1877 The annual business meeting of the church was held this day at the chapel.
The Pastor, Rev. E. C. Ewing, Moderator
Chose A. Moody, Clerk by ballot.
The Treasurer being absent, his report was presented by the moderator and accepted by the meeting.
Chose R. L. Woods. Treasurer.
The report of the Standing Committee was made and accepted.
On motion of E. Smith the recommendation of the Committee was agreed to, in reference to benevolence that such portions of our standing rules as refer to this matter be rescinded, and ~~that~~ the following additional rule be adopted; The annual report of the Standing Committee shall include the presentation of a list of benevolent objects to which the congregation shall be invited to contribute during the year, the boxes to be passed every sabbath. The sums thus collected shall be

disbursed by the treasurer in accordance with a ratio previously fixed at the annual meeting; each donor however being privileged to designate any change from this ratio in regard to the disposition of his own gifts.

On motion of E. Cary the following division, recommended by the Committee was adopted; Foreign Missions 30 per cent; Home Missions 27 per cent; Freedmen 18 per cent; Education Society 7 per cent; Seamen 5 per cent; Cong. Union 4 per cent; Ministerial Fund 4 per cent; Repair Fund 5 per cent.

On motion of A. Ward, voted to choose three members of the Standing Committee on one ballot.

On the first ballot Mrs Isabella S. Woods was chosen. on the second ballot no one was chosen.

On motion of E. Smith, voted to choose by nomination.

Miss Lucretia Cary & Edward Smith were nominated & chosen.

Chose Mrs Martha S. Howe, Auditor

Voted to drop Mrs. Ella F. (Gross) Charles from the membership of this church.

On motion of C. Bassett, voted to choose Superintendent of S. School by nomination; made choice of A. J. M. Ward.
Chose R. L. Thayer, Asst Supt.
On motion of E. Smith, voted that the Committee on Library of last year be the Committee for this year.
On motion of Mrs. I. S. Woods, voted that the Librarian & Asst. Librarian of last year hold said offices this year
Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A Moody, Clerk.

Organization for 1877
Moderator, Rev. E. C. Ewing
Clerk A. Moody
Standing Committee
Rev. E. C. Ewing
Dea. H. Fobes
" W. G. Moore
" A Moody
Mrs Isabella S. Woods
Miss Lucretia Cary
" Edward Smith

Treasurer, R. L. Woods
Auditor Mrs M. S. Howe
Sup. of S. School, A. J. N. Ward
Asst. " " R. L. Thayer
Librarian, H. E. Brown
Asst. " R. Fleming
Committee of Library
Rev. E. C. Ewing
W. B. Kimball
R. L. Thayer
Mrs. N. L. Potter
Miss Mary Daniels

March 4 1877 The following persons united with this Church by letter,
Dr. & Mrs. Solon R. Towne, from Dartmouth College Church, Hanover N. H.
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew W. Aldrich, from Cong. Church, Belchertown.
Willard E. Johnson, from Second Cong. Church, Amherst.
Mrs. Willard E. Johnson, from M. E. Church, North Prescott.
Mrs. Mary G. Field, from, Cong. Church Pelham.

April 12 Mary Alice, daughter of Henry W. Richards was baptized.

April 22 Brothers Edward Smith and Herbert Barlow were chosen delegates to the Hampshire East Conference of Churches to be holden with the Cong. Church in Greenwich on Tuesday and Wednesday next.

May 6 1877 The following persons united with the church on profession of faith

Lewis L. Sloan (bap.)	Martha C. Ward
Iola E. Whitman (bap.)	Joseph J. Smith
Catherine Roehm	Katie L. Roehm
Della H. Crosby bap.)	Lottie Scott (bap.)
Mary E. Scott (bap.)	Emma E. Johnson
T. Dwight A. Tucker (bap.)	Louisa L. Tucker (bap.)
George W. Grout	Ambrose Munsell (bap.)
Robert Johnston	Norman S. Cheffee (bap.)
Lydia E. Delano, bap.)	Anna A. McMillan
Henry C. Smith (bap.)	Wm. J. Newcomb
Henry E. Keopka	

May 20, Chose Rev. R. M. Woods delegate to the council at Amherst the 24 inst. to install Pres. J. H. Seeley over the College church.

June 26 1877 William S. Nason & Mary J. Furman were immersed

June 27 Jesse Madge & Mary Agnes, children of Dr. S. R. Town were baptized

July 1 1877 The following persons united with the church.

Horace Newell Frederick B. Richards (bap.)
William S. Nason Mary J. Furman
Lucy E. Fairbanks (bap.) Sarah Walker (bap.)

July 29 Eliza Stone dismissed & recommended to the Cong. Church in Auburn.

Aug. 29 Dwight Evan, son of Lewis L. Sloan was baptized.

Oct. 14 Bro's. L. B. Gillett & J. L. Hunt were chosen delegates to the Conference to be holden at South Hadley the 16th inst.
Bro's, R. L. Thayer & H. Felton were chosen delegates to the S. S. Convention So. Hadley the 17th inst.

Oct. 31 Wayland Augustus, son of Eugene A. Tuttle was baptized.

Nov. 18 Chose brother W. B. Kimball delegate to the Council the 21st inst. in Hatfield to install the Rev. R. M. Woods pastor over the Cong. church there.

Dec. 2d 1877 Chose brother Reuben Thayer delegate to attend a Council in Amherst the sixth inst, to install Rev. Howard Kingsbury, pastor of the First Congregational church in Amherst.

Dec. 9th 1877 Miss. Caroline Ayres was received into this church by letter from the Congregational church in Belchertown.

List of Deaths past year
Mr. Phebe H. Underwood, Jan. 20th aged 78
Mr Hannah Kendrick, March 28th aged 85
Mrs Adaline L. Pope, May 25th " 66
Benjamin Hutchinson, Nov. 30th " 70.

A. Moody, Clerk.

Jan. 9. 1878
The Annual, business meeting of the Church was held in the Chapel at 3 P.M. (this day) The Pastor Rev E. C. Ewing, Moderator. Chose, by ballot W. B Kimball Clerk - Report of A. Moody Clerk for 77 read and accepted. Report of Standing Committee read by chairman (Rev E. C Ewing) and accepted. The recommendation of this Committee that nothing (no money) be sent to the Cong. Union this year was adopted. On motion of R. D. Woods Twenty five dollars of money on hand was turned into the treasury for the

Church Repair Fund, and the balance was voted to the Am. Miss Association
The Report of the Treasurer (R. D Woods) was read and accepted.
Chose R. D. Woods Treas for 1878, and endorsed his action in the recommending and making of Bro N. S. Chaffee a member (Honorary) of the A. B. C F. M.
Chose Mrs Martha S. Howe Auditor

Standing Committee for 1878

Rev E. C. Ewing
Dea Henry Fobes
" W. G. Moore
" A. Moody
Miss Lucretia Cary
Mrs R. D. Woods
R. L. Thayer

Superintendent of S. S.
A. J. N. Ward
R. L. Thayer Assistant
Librarians H. E. Brown. Roland D Fleming Asst.
Library Committee
Rev E. C. Ewing, Miss Clara J. Potter
R. L Thayer, Mrs N. D. Potter
Mrs N. S. Chaffee

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Voted that the Standing Committee of the Church be authorized to present names of Brothers & Sisters for Honorary memberships in the several Benevolent Societies & Associations.
The recommendation of the Standing Committee for division of money collected during the year (which was adopted) was as follows

Foreign Missions	–	30	per cent
Home "	–	25	"
Am. Miss Association	–	24	"
Education Society	–	7	"
Seamans Friends "	–	5	"
Ministerial Aid "	–	4	"
Repair Fund	"	5	"

The meeting was then dissolved.
W. B. Kimball Clerk

Feb 17. Joseph Wilson dismissed and recommended to the church in Cambridgeport. Mass.
April 21 Chose Edward Smith and W. B. Kimball Delegates to the Hampshire East Conference of Churches to be holden with the Cong.

Church in Prescott on Tuesday & Wednesday (April 23 & 24)

May 8th Pursuant to a notice given at the close of the Lecture on May 1st a business meeting of the Church was held at the close of the weekly prayer meeting (Wednesday Evn'g) and the subject under discussion was "whether any change should be made in the distribution of the Sunday collections". The reason of such discussion, as stated by Bro R. D. Woods, was the fact that the regular income of the Parish from the Rental of slips, in the church, falls short of the actual expenses, and, it being necessary to provide for this deficiency, it was voted, on motion of Bro R. D. Woods, after some discussion, "That the action of the church at its annual meeting with regard to the distribution of funds collected on the Sabbath be reconsidered, and amended so that the collections during the month of June next may be applied toward the regular expenses of supporting the Gospel in connexion with the Parish".

The meeting was then dissolved

W. B. Kimball Clerk

April 28 Edwin A. Kemp and
Esther A. W. Kemp were dismissed
from the church & recommended to
the fellowship and care of the first
Church in Great Barrington ~

To the Cong Church Enfield Mass.
This certifies that Edwin A. Kemp M.D.
and Esther A. W. Kemp, his wife
have been received into the Christian
fellowship and care of the First
Cong. Church in Great Barrington
Gt Barrington
May 6th 1878. I. R. Prindle
} Clerk

This notice recd at
Enfield May 13th 1878
W. B. Kimball
Clerk

June 8 Mrs John Crosby died
this day aged 65 ~

June 10. Mrs Lydia C. Harwood died
this day aged 52

June 16 - The request of Rev R. M. Woods, Pastor of the Cong. Church in Hatfield, for dismission from this church and recommendation to the church in Hatfield was granted this day.

July 7. Mrs Mary R. Barlow (wife of Herbert H. Barlow) united with the church and was baptized.

Oct 13 - R. D. Woods & R. L. Thayer were this day chosen Delegates to attend the Fall Session of the Hampshire East Conference, held with Russell Church Hadley, Tuesday & Wednesday Oct 15 & 16th inst.

Dec 8. Arthur C. Hawes was dismissed from the church and recommended to the Union Church in Three Rivers (Palmer), Mass.

Baptism was administered July 23d to Robert Somers Towne Son of Dr S. R. Towne

List of deaths during the year 1878.

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Anna Pattison. died at Northampton. age 54
April 26th
Harriette R. Crosby Died in Enfield
June 8th - Age 65
Lydia P. Harwood Died in Enfield
June 10th Age 52
Esther Kimball Died in Springfield
Oct 21 - Age 79.

W. B. Kimball. Clerk -

Enfield Jan 7th, 1879 - 3 P. M.
Annual Meeting of the Church for Business. Called to order by the Moderator Rev E. C. Ewing - The report of the Clerk, was read and accepted. Rev E. C. Ewing chairman of Standing Committee then read the report of that Committee which was accepted.
R. D. Woods, Treasurer presented his report. which was accepted.
Voted to proceed to the Election of Officers chose By ballot
Clerk. W. B. Kimball.
Treasurer. R. D. Woods.

Standing Committee of the Church } Pastor & 3 Deacons and Miss Lucretia Cary
Mrs R. D. Woods
R. L. Thayer

By nomination
Superintendent of S. School } A. J. N Ward
Assistant } Hiram Felton
Librarian } Henry E. Brown

Library Committee of 5 } Rev E. C. Ewing
R. L Thayer
Miss C. J Potter
Mrs N. S. Chaffee
Mrs N. D Potter

Auditor. Mrs M. S. Howe

Recommendations of Standing Committee adopted.
"We desire to make public acknowledgement of our gratitude and indebtedness to Mr E. P. Smith for the faithful and excellent service which he has gratuitously rendered to

both Church and Sunday School at the organ: and we recommend the passage of a vote of thanks, to be duly extended to him by the Clerk of the Church"

and

"For the year ensuing we recommend the following division of our Sunday Collections:—

American Board.	30	per cent
Home Miss. Society.	30	"
Miss. Association	25	"
Seaman's Friends Society.	5	"
Cong. Union	5	"
Church Repairs	5	"

On motion of W. B. Kimball the following Resolution was adopted -

Resolved. "That the thanks of this church are due, and are hereby given to Miss Jane Smith, for the elegant, very much needed, and exceedingly useful present, which she has made to us - namely the organ in this room - and that our Treasurer be instructed to convey to her this token of our remembrance and gratitude"

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for two weeks and mor. until Jan 22. Wednesday Afternoon - at the close of the prayer meeting

W. B. Kimball
Clerk.

Enfield. Jan. 22d. 4 o'clock P. M.
The adjourned meeting of the church was called to order by the Moderator Rev E. C. Ewing, and the business of the hour was stated to be the choice of a Deacon, in place of Bro. A. Moody whose term of office had expired. A ballot was had, and Bro A. Moody was re-elected for three years, from Jan 1879 to Jan 1882 —
The meeting was then dissolved

W. B. Kimball
Clerk.

April 20. 1879
The church this day chose Edward Smith and Dea Moody Delegates to attend the Spring Session of the Hampshire East Conference to be held with the church at Packardville Tuesday & Wednesday April 29th & 30th

May 4. 1879. Communion Service —
Mary Daniels, daughter of R. L. Thayer
was baptized, and E. Estella (Parks)
wife of Lyman P. Webber, was also
baptized, and admitted to the church on
profession of her faith —

June 8, 1879. Chose R. D. Woods Delegate
to a council to be held in Amherst
on Thursday 12th instant, at 2 o'clock
P.M. for the Examination and probable
installation of Rev F. F. Emerson of
Hartford, Conn. over First Church, Amherst.

June 15. Augustus T. Tuttle and Sarah S his
Wife. Eugene A. Tuttle and
Ellen M. his Wife and Miss Mary E.
Tuttle were dismissed from this
Church and recommended to
the Second Church in Holyoke.

July 6.
Mrs Emma Woods, wife of Henry
E. Wood was admitted to the church
this day, on profession of faith,
She had been baptized in infancy,

Sep 7th 1879. Communion Service.

Rufus Seymour, son of Norman S. Chaffee and Anna J. Chaffee, was baptized

Isaac N. Spencer and Catherine J. Spencer were admitted by letter - Isaac N. from the Cong church in Blandford, Conn, and Catherine J. from the 2d Bap. Church in Suffield, Conn,
and Mrs Libbie Hutchinson, wife of Henry Hutchinson of Ware, was admitted to the church on profession of her faith and was baptized

Oct 5th 1879. Chose Brother John H Hawes and W. B. Kimball Delegates to the Fall Session of Hampshire East Conference - to be held with First Church Hadley Oct 14th & 15th 1879,

Nov 2. Miss Tabitha S. Bassett was admitted to the church, by letter, from the Church in Monson.
Ethel Mercy, daughter of Lyman P. and E. Estella Webber was baptized

Dec 7. 1879. Bro Reuben Thayer was chosen a Delegate to attend upon a Council called at East Amherst for the Examination and Settlement of Rev Geo. E. Fisher, late of So Hadley Falls. Council to convene on Tuesday Dec 9th.

Jan 4. 1880. Communion Service —

Mr David Spencer. Mrs Almira Spencer Miss Ella H Spencer. were admitted to the church. they having letters from the 4th Cong' Church of Hartford Conn. also Mrs Harriet E. Smith (wife of Edward Smith) from the Presbyterian Church Saratoga, N.Y. and Mrs Marcia Webber, from the Cong — Church in Palmer, Mass.

List of Deaths during the year 1879.

Jan 9th	Mrs Caroline Daniels Thayer	age 66-2
March 26.	Mrs Mary E. Howland Smith	" 55-7
June 22.	Ezra Cary	" 75-11
July 12	Nathan D. Potter	" 55-
Oct 30	Miss Jane Smith	" 54
Oct 1.	Mrs Emma C. Towne	" 32
Nov 19.	Matthew H. McClary	" 78.
Aug 9.	Mrs Mary Powers.	82-8

W. B. Kimball Clerk

Jan 7th 1880. Annual business meeting of the Church in Chapel at 3 P.M.
Meeting called to order by Rev E. C. Ewing Moderator. The report of the Clerk was read, and after the necessary corrections had been made, the report was accepted -
Chose for the year ensuing - for Clerk W. B. Kimball - The Treasurer, R. D. Woods, being absent his report was read by the Moderator - and was accepted.
R. D. Woods was chosen Treasurer for the year - Mrs M. S. Howe was nominated and chosen Auditor — The report of Standing Committee was read by the Chairman and accepted - The following reccommendations of that committee were adopted - 1st That the Church Collections be divided same as last year. 2d - That the following names be dropped from the roll of the church - the persons bearing those names having been a long time absent with no report from them - Mrs Samuel Hagar Mrs Sophia Stolker. Mrs Orral Thayer Harwood & Sewell A. Wilson (4) —
3d That the following named persons be written to. and that their names be dropped from the roll provided no

favorable response be received previous to July 1st 1880.

Mrs Roxana Smith Greenleaf, Hardwick
Mrs Mary Wilson. 624 Main St. Cambridgeport -
Mrs Mary Eddy Weightmeyer, Springfield, Mass
Mrs James Dillon, Warren Mass -
and Mr Allison Tisdale, 42 Bread St Worcester,

A motion to divide the money now in the Treasury to the credit of the Church Repair Fund - among the leading Benevolent Societies (some $90 -) was lost. The Moderator stated that Dea Moody and Wife had applied for letters of dismission from this church and recommendation to the church in South Hadley Falls (a Cong. church) and such letters were granted. -

Bro. R. Lewis Thayer was chosen Deacon for 2 years to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal and dismissal of Dea Augustus Moody. ——

Members of Standing Committee were then chosen by ballot (the Pastor and Deacons being members by virtue of their offices)

Miss Lucretia Cary
Mrs Mary L. Ewing
Bro Hiram Felton

Bro W. B. Kimball was chosen Superintendant of the Sabbath School (by nomination) but positively declined serving - A Ballot was had and Bro A. J. N. Ward was chosen to that important Office, but declined serving. It was then Voted to adjourn the meeting till Saturday Afternoon at 3. Oclock (Jan 10th. /1880)

Saturday, Jan, 10th 3 P, M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator - and the first business was stated to be the choice of a Superintendent of the S. School A ballot was taken and Arthur J. N. Ward was again chosen, having a large majority of the votes, and he accepted the office - For Assistant - Bro Hiram Felton was chosen - by nomination —
For Librarian - Bro Henry E. Brown was chosen by nomination —
The Library Committee was chosen - as follows - Rev E. C. Ewing
Bro R. L. Thayer
Mrs R. D. Woods
Miss Amanda Woods
Miss Jane E. Clark —
Voted. To dissolve the meeting
W. B. Kimball Clerk

January 28. 1880. A business meeting of the Church was called at the close of the Wednesday Evening prayer-meeting for the purpose of choosing a Treasurer in place of Bro: R. D. Woods, who has resigned the office. Rev E. C. Ewing called the meeting to order, and the resignation of Bro. Woods was accepted. Dea R. L. Thayer was chosen by ballot, and there being no further business the meeting was dissolved.

W. B. Kimball
Clerk,

March 7. 1880.

Communion Service -

Darius O. Chickering was admitted to the church by letter from the Church in Packardville, and Henrietta S. (Smith) Chickering by letter from the Cong church in South Deerfield.

At a church meeting held in connexion with the "Preparatory Lecture" on Friday April 28th at 3 o'clock P.M. it was voted that the money devoted to the Congregational Union for the year (5 per cent of benevolent Contributions) be given to the church in Turners Falls to help in the building of a church.

May 2. 1880. Communion Service,

Ralph Dewitt and Emilo Comstock Children of Isaac N. Spencer Jr and Katie J. Spencer, were baptized.

May 9th 1880. Miss Sarah J. Arnold was dismissed from the Church and recommended to the Boundary Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Md.

July 4th 1880. Communion Service –

Mrs Isabella F. Ware united with the church on profession of faith,

and Mr Rollstone by letter from Methodist Church in Ware –

Sep 5th Communion Service –
Seth Herbert Barlow son of Herbert H. Barlow and Mary R Barlow, and Elisabeth Jane Sloan daughter of Lewis D. Sloan and Elisabeth M. Sloan were baptized.

Miss Harriett Rowland was dismissed to first Church in Amherst and Miss Emma E. [illegible] to

Davenport Church New Haven, Conn.

Nov 7. Communion — — —
Mr and Mrs William Lisk and Miss Mary Hall united with the church on profession of their faith and Mrs Eliza J Gray by letter from Presbyterian Church in Tarrytown, N. Y. and

Dec 19 — Mr & Mrs Willard E. Johnson were dismissed to join the Central Cong church in Orange, Mass.

In accordance with the vote of the church at the annual meeting, the Clerk wrote to absent members as follows:—

Mrs Roxana Smith Greenleaf, Hardwick
Mrs Mary Gilmore, Cambridgeport
Mrs Mary Eddy Wightman, Springfield
Mrs James Nixon, Warren Mass.
Mr Allison Tisdale, Worcester,

An answer was rec^d from only one, Mrs Wightman of Springfield, in which she purposed to transfer her relation to some church in S. [illegible].

The following named members of the church have died during the year. Four in number — Years. mo. days

March 20, Perris L. Gillett —	53 - 9 - 20
July 1st Daniel T. Trask —	69. 2 - 2
Sep 10th Samuel Kimball —	80 ————
Dec 6th, Sophia D. Chickering	57 - 10 - 23

No of members dismissed to other churches - Seven (7)
No of Persons uniting with this church during the year — Thirteen (13)
By letter from other Churches (9)
By profession of faith (4)

W. B. Kimball
Clerk.

Wednesday, Jan 5. 1881. 3 o'clock P.M.
— Annual church meeting —

Meeting called to order by the Clerk. In the absence of Rev E. C. Ewing, Dr S. R. Towne was chosen Moderator. The records of the year were read by the Clerk, and his report was accepted with amendments, Rev E. C. Ewing came in and assumed the position of moderator.
W. B. Kimball was chosen Clerk by ballot. Dea R. L. Thayer, Treasurer, read his report which was accepted W. B. Kimball, acting Auditor, having reported that he had examined the same and found it correct.
Dea R. L. Thayer was chosen Treasurer by ballot, and W. B. Kimball was chosen Auditor, by nomination.
Rev E. C. Ewing read the report of the Standing Committee, which was accepted. The only recommendation of this Report. "That the benevolent contributions of the year be distributed among the several Societies, as last year, and an additional contribution be made to the American Bible Society" was adopted.

Chose members of the Standing Committee as follows:— by ballot

Mrs M. L. Ewing.
Miss Lucretia Cary.
John H. Hawes.

Chose
Superintendent of Sabbath School
by ballot. Dr S. R. Towne.
Assistant Superintendent, by ballot.

Dea R. L. Thayer.

Chose by nomination for Librarian.
Henry E. Brown.
and for Library Committee.

Rev E. C. Ewing.
Mrs R. D. Woods.
Miss A. E. Clark.
Mrs S. R. Towne.
Mrs Charles Richards.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

W. B. Kimball
Clerk —

Feb. 27, 1881.

George R. Dickinson, and his wife Emeline Dickinson were dismissed from the church and recommended to the Cong. Church in Greenwich.

May 1, 1881.

Communion Service.

George Henry Ewing
Florence J. Martindale
Anna Munsell
Ida Munsell and
Mrs Charles Parker united with the church on profession of their faith, and the misses Munsell and Mrs Parker were baptized.

July 3. Communion Service.

Lewiston H. Towne united with the church on profession of faith, and was baptized. Mrs Charlotte M. Towne, wife of Lewiston H. also united with the church by letter from the Cong. church in Attleboro.

Sep 4. 1881

Communion Service.

Harrison L. Bartlett and his wife Carrie S. Bartlett united with the church by letter from the Congregational Church in Upton. O. m. aff.

Oct 23. The following named persons were chosen delegates to the Fall Conference of Churches at South Hadley Falls. — Dean R. L. Pray

Sabbath School Committee

Rufus D. Woods
Mrs. J. S. Woods
Miss Henrietta Carey
Mrs A. G. N. Ward
W. A. Kimball

Rev E. C. Ewing was absent at the annual meeting of American Board in St Louis, being away three Sabbaths, Oct 16, 23 & 30. th and Rev Mr Rogers of the Methodist Church preached with a united congregation each evening.

November 6th. 1881. Communion —

Martha Grace, daughter of Dea R. L. Thayer, Mary Emily, daughter of Norman S. Chaffee and George Otis, son of Darius C. Chickering were baptized —

Jan 1. 1882. Communion —

Joseph McFarland was admitted to the Church on profession of faith —

Church Members who have died during the year 1881 —

		Years – months
Jan. 2. 1881.	Mrs Delia W. Smith	83 – 3
Feb 17 "	Mrs Emily A. Gross.	68 – 7
May 25 "	" Eveline P. Collins.	55 —
Aug 2 "	" Charlotte J. Smith –	50 – 8
Oct 22 "	Lewis Hawes –	65 – 7

Church members dismissed during year — 2
" admitted on profession — 6
" " by letter — 3
Total membership Jan 1, 1882. — 253 —

W B Kimball Clerk —

Enfield, Jan 4. 1882.
3 P. M.

Annual Meeting of church.

Rev E. C. Ewing - Moderator

The records of the last meeting and for the year were read by the clerk, and were accepted.

The Treasurer, Dea R. L. Thayer read his report which was accepted —

The Auditor, W. B. Kimball reported the Treasurers accounts correct and his vouchers satisfactory —

Dr S. R. Towne. Superintendent of S. S. reported statistics of school for year

Rev E. C. Ewing. Chairman, read the report of the Standing Committee of the church which was accepted and the following recommendation was adopted. Distribution of Benevolent funds for the year 1882 Home Missions 30 per cent Am Board of Foreign Missions 25 p.c. Am Miss Association 25 p.c. New West Commission 10 p.c. Cong, Union .05 p.c. Seamans Friends Society .05 p.c.

Chose the following Officers —

Clerk W. B. Kimball

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Treasurer Dea R. L. Thayer (who declined to serve)
Treasurer Herbert H. Barlow

Auditor Dea R. L. Thayer.

Standing Committee.
John H. Hawes.
Mrs J. E. Woods
" R. D. Woods

Deacon for 3 years R. L. Thayer

Superintendent of S. School Dr S. R. Towne
Assistant Dea R. L. Thayer
Library Committee Rev E. C. Ewing
Mrs R. D. Woods
Miss J. E. Clark
Mrs S. R. Towne
Mrs Charles Richards
Librarian
Henry E. Brown

Voted to dissolve the meeting
W. B. Kimball Clerk.

Sunday April 9th 1882.

Mrs ~~Libbie~~ Louisa L. wife of Henry Hutchinson was dismissed from the church with a recommendation to the church in Gilbertville and Mrs Lorinda H. Cowan was dismissed with a recommendation to the 1st Church in Springfield. Mass.

Sunday April 23d —
Reuben Thayer & Lyman D. Potter were chosen Delegates to the Spring Conference of Hampshire East Churches at South Amherst April 25th & 26th.

Sunday June 11th
Miss Sarah A. Walker was dismissed from the church with a recommendation to the church in Greenwich.

(Wednesday May 3d - At the Preparatory lecture. Carl L. Son of John W. and Lottie Scott Felton was baptized.)

Aug 6th — Mrs Martha Newell dismissed from church with a recommendation to the Methodist Church in Bondsville, Mass.

Sep 3d
Miss Louise Anderson united with the church bringing a letter from the Baptist church in Andover. Vermont.

Jan 7. 1883.
Mrs Gratia A. Andrews was dismissed from the church with a recommendation to the Cong. Church in Wilmington Vermont.
Charles Edward Ewing united with this church on profession of his faith.

Deaths. in 1882

June 1.	Caleb Tilson (years)	72
Nov 8	Mrs Louisa Hutchinson	
Aug 29.	Huldah Dewing	70-10
Sep 13.	Edmund Dewing	67-11-28
Oct 9.	Hepzibath Randall	77-10
Dec 16.	Joseph Latham	77
Jan 8.	Emily McKinney	57-4-14

No of members Jan 10th 1883. | 245 |

W. B. Kimball Clerk.

Annual church meeting
Wednesday Jan 10th 1883
Rev E. C. Ewing moderator
The records of the year were read and accepted.
W. B. Kimball was chosen Clerk
The Treasurers report was then read and the contributions for the year were $933.02
H. H. Barlow was chosen Treasurer
Report of Standing Committee was read by the Chairman. Rev. E. C. Ewing, and its recommendation concerning benevolent contributions and the report were adopted.

Recommendation.	Home Missions	25 p
	Foreign Missions	25 "
	Am. Miss Association	25 "
	New West. Com.	10 "
	Cong Union	5 "
	Church repair	5 "
	Sunday School & Pub. Society	5 "
		100 p

Dea R. G. Thayer was chosen Auditor

J. H. Hawes
Mrs M. S. Howe
Miss J. E. Clark } Standing Committee

Superintendent of S School
Dr S. R. Towne
Assistant A. J. N. Ward
Librarian H. E. Brown

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Library Committee
Miss Sarah Underwood
Mrs S. R. Towne
Mrs Charles Richards
Miss J. E. Clark
Rev. E. C. Ewing

The meeting was then dissolved

W. B. Kimball Clerk

March 18. Mrs J. Shepard and Miss Nellie Shepard were dismissed from the Church with a recommendation to the Cong Church in Elgin, Ill.

May 2d - 1883. Mrs Clara J. Potter Hopkins - dismissed to Cong Church - Lansing. Michigan -

May 6th 1883.
" Mrs E. G. Wells (Mary E.) (Bap-)
Mrs Chas Scott (Mary B.)
and Miss Agnes House united (Bap)
with the church on profession of faith

Sep 2. Miss Fanny P. Newcomb (Bap-)
" Nellie M. Moore
and Harry A. Smith united (Bap.)
with the church on profession of faith.

Sep 30. 1883 - The following letter was read to the Church this day by the Clerk, at the close of the the morning service.

To the Cong. Church and Society Enfield.

Dear Brethren and friends.

For sixteen years. the best and richest of my life, I have employed myself in the work of promoting the interests of this church and Community. My ministry here, I trust has not been wholly in vain - My relations to the people of my charge have been delightful and precious to me. But the pressing and growing importance of larger educational advantages than this place affords, and the necessity of securing such for my children compel me at length, after long hesitation, to ask of you a release from the responsibilities which have hitherto been resting upon me as your pastor. —

Inasmuch as Tuesday Oct 9 will complete sixteen years of my official relation to you I have to request you to take such ~~action~~ steps as may be needful for my dismission upon that date.

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Wishing you grace mercy and peace I remain
Yours in the gospel of Christ

Enfield Sep 30. 1883 E. C. Ewing

A true Copy
W. B. Kimball Clerk.

Notice was given that at the close of the Wednesday prayer-meeting action would be taken upon the foregoing letter and request.

Pursuant to this notice a business meeting of the church was held at 3 o'clock P.M. Wednesday Oct 3d. And was called to order by the Clerk who read the letter of resignation, and the notice of the meeting and called for the election of a moderator — Dr S. R. Towne was chosen Moderator. Upon the question of the acceptance of the resignation of our pastor on motion, it was voted unanimously that the resignation of Rev E. C. Ewing be accepted by the church —
Upon motion it was voted that a Committee of three be chosen, to consult

with a Committee, to be chosen from the Society. and arrange for the Calling of a Council in accordance with the request of our Pastor —

Committee,
Dea W. G. Moore
John H. Hawes
Dr S. R. Towne

Moved and voted. That the time for holding the council, and the churches to be invited, be left with the Committee.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

M. B. Kimball, Clerk,

Enfield. Oct 3.
1883.

Rev E. C. Ewing preached his farewell sermon Sunday morning, Oct 7th — The house was crowded. His text was the 11th verse of the 13th chap. of Second Corinthians —

At the evening meeting the Chapel was crowded —

Baptism — Sunday Oct 7th —

Alice Rozilla, daughter of Herbert H. and Mary R. Barlow,

An Ecclesiastical Council, having been Called by the Congregational Church and Society in Enfield for the purpose of advising in regard to the termination of the pastorate of Rev E. C. Ewing, (he having asked a dismission which had been granted by the church and Society) was convened in the Chapel Oct. 8th 1883 at 3 P.M.

The council was called to order by Rev E. P. Blodgett, who was elected Moderator. Rev P. W. Lyman was appointed Scribe. After prayer by the moderator, the role was made out as follows —

Church in Belchertown
Pastor Rev P. W. Lyman
Delegate Dea Jonas Warren

Church in Packardville.
Rev. W. K. Vaill
Bro Asahel B. Shaw

1st Church Ware
Rev W. G. Tuttle
Dea Milton Lewis

2d Church Ware
Rev A. E. P. Perkins D.D.

Church in Greenwich
Rev. E. P. Blodgett

Organization having been effected the pastor's letter of resignation was read, as also the action of the church and society relating to the same -
To these papers, verbal statements were added, by both parties, showing emphatically the cordiality of their still existing relations.
After the reasons for the action had been sufficiently canvassed the Council went into private session whereupon it was unanimously voted that the council concur in the action of the parties summoning them, and that they pronounce the dissolution of the pastorate - to take effect upon the 9th instant -
The following minute was then unanimously adopted as the Result of the Council.
(Upon recall of the parties, the result was read in their hearing)

Result of Ecclesiastical Council held in Enfield, Mass. Oct 8 1883. to consider the advisibility of the dissolution of the pastorate of Rev. E. C. Ewing

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"In parting with our brother we wish to express our high appreciation of his ability and fidelity as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ - His consistent Christian character, his clear, forcible and original method of presenting the truth, his scholarly habit of mind his intelligent attachment to the system of truth held by the churches of our order, his zealous advocacy of those great reforms and charities by which the church seeks to extend the kingdom of its Lord, his faithful performance of those offices which belong to church fellowship, his helpful wise and judicious conduct of the duties of christian citizenship mark him as a christian minister whose departure from this church and from the associated sisterhood of churches will occasion a most deep sense of loss. mark him also as one whom we can and do most warmly commend to the wider sisterhood of the churches of our Lord - as an able and faithful minister of Jesus Christ

well furnished for his work"
The Council also expresses the deepest interest in the welfare of this much loved church to which our brother has so long ministered, and commends it to the Great Head of the Church, praying Him in due time to supply the place about to be vacated, by sending a man after his own heart to feed this flock with the true word of God.

After the reading of the minutes of the council which were accepted - prayer was offered by Rev Dr Perkins and the council was dissolved -

Signed
E. P. Blodgett Moderator
P. W. Lyman Scribe

A true copy | W. B. Kimball
Clerk.

Enfield
Oct 8. 1883.

Dec 9th. Letters of dismission were this day granted to
Rev Edward C. Ewing
Mrs Mary L. A Ewing
George Henry Ewing
and Charles Edward Ewing with a recommendation to the Maple St Cong. Church Danvers, Mass.

Pursuant to a notice given in church Sunday Dec 16th a business meeting of the church was held on Thursday Dec 20th at the close of the prayer meeting, the hour named being 3 o'clock P.M. and the Chapel the place —
The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, and Lyman D. Potter was chosen Moderator. The Clerk stated to the church the action of the Parish and after some discussion of the question, upon motion of Bro John H. Hawes it was voted "That we invite the Rev Arthur L. Gillett to settle over us in the ministry and become our Pastor". There were 35 persons present. 23 voted in favor of the motion, none in opposition —
It was moved and Voted: "That Deacons

Wm G. Moore and R. L. Thayer with Bro John H. Hawes - be a Committee to Confer with a Committee of the Parish (to be chosen) and to extend a Call to Rev Arthur L Gillett to become our Pastor - when he shall have finished his studies at the Seminary.

At the written request of Mrs Della H. Crosby a statement was made to the church, by the Clerk, concerning certain charges and insinuations, which have at various times been made against her by members of the church - asking that some explanation be given her & and that those persons. Brothers and Sisters. who have complaints to make shall bring them before the church or its committee, at which time she will be prepared to meet them —

After remarks by some of the Brethren and Sisters it was Voted (on motion of Miss Sarah F Underwood) that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Church. The meeting was then dissolved.

M. B. Kimball Clerk.

Rev Arthur L. Gillett,

Dear Sir. We have been chosen a Committee to notify you that the Congregational Church and Society in this place - at meetings regularly called and duly held - have voted to invite you to settle over them in the Gospel Ministry. —

The Society has also voted a yearly Salary of Eleven Hundred Dollars, with the use of the Parsonage. and if it shall be your pleasure to consider and accept this call we shall be happy to have you inform us at your Earliest Convenience.

We await your answer

Very respectfully yours

Enfield. Mass
Dec 24. 1883.

Wm G Moore
R. L. Thayer
John H. Hawes
} Committee of the Church

W B Kimball
L. D. Potter
N. S. Chaffee
} Committee of the Society

A true Copy

W. B. Kimball Clerk —

Hartford. Conn.
Dec 31st

To the Committees of the Congregational Church and Society in Enfield. Mass

Gentlemen.

Your communication of the 24th inst. containing an invitation to settle among you. and the terms of settlement - is at hand, and has received thoughtful and, as you may think, prolonged consideration. resulting in the conclusion that I cannot do otherwise than decline -

There are yet five months before I could settle in any place - for I cannot feel that I should be justified in breaking off. before its completion. the year of study I have begun. Such being the case I recognize it as impossible for me to know or imagine in what lines my duty may disclose itself during those five months - I cannot feel that I have the right. therefore, to shut the door on all possibilities that may arise during that period and so refuse to leave myself open to the Divine direction as revealed by His Providence - I am convinced that by making a decision which could go into effect only at a period so far in the future. I should be taking a

course which suggests too much of regret and repentance in the days to come by rendering it impossible for me to consider work in other and different fields where the need for laborers in the whitening harvest might be even more imperative than in Enfield. With such feelings and under such convictions you will recognize that I could have reached no other conclusion than that which I have already expressed —

Thanking you for your letter
I am Very Sincerely yours
Arthur L. Gillett

Number of church members at last annual meeting Jan 10/83. 245.

Dismissions to other churches 7
Admissions on profession 6
— Deaths — 8

Mrs Marcia E. Webber	March 22	69-8-8
" Susan Hanks	April 28	89-7-0
" Emily F. Parker	May 3	40-4-6
William C. Dimond	May 27	58-0-18
Solon S. Pope	June 1	77-7-5
Mrs Esther D. Tillson	Jun 14	77-9
Robert Powers	Aug 6	89-5-13
Mrs Mary R. Richards	Nov 5	69-0-14

Present Membership 236. W. B. Kimball Clerk

Annual Meeting 1884

On Wednes. Jan. 9 at 3. P.M. after the weekly Prayer Meeting the annual meeting was called to order by Wm B Kimball Clerk. D. B. Gillett was duly elected moderator and presided. The Records were duly read and approved.

Dr. S. R. Towne was then chosen clerk for the year.

H. H. Barlow the Treasurer made his report $ 606.41 being the amount of Contributions to Benevolent Objects for the year.

H. H. Barlow was re-elected Treas.

R. L. Thayer was chosen auditor by nomination.

Voted: that the offices of the standing committee be filled by the same persons as last year. viz:

John H. Hawes }
Mrs. M. S. Howe } Standing Comm. of the Church
Miss Jane E Clarke }

R. J. A. Ward was then elected S. S. Supt.
Dr S R Towne ——— Asst ———
H. E. Browne was elected Librarian

The Library Committee were then chosen

by nomination as follows.

Wm B. Kimball Mrs M. S. Howe Cely? Richards Miss Sarah Underwood Mrs. Rebecca Davis.	Library Committee

The Church Committee then reported favoring the same distribution of Church contributions as for year 1883 except - that the 5% now given to Cong. Union ~~?~~ be paid to the Am Tract Society - instead. Which report was accepted, when the meeting was duly dissolved.

S. R. Howe, Clerk.

At the business meeting of the Church held Thursday Feb. 3rd 1884 at 3 P.M.

J. B. Gillett was chosen moderator and J. N. Barlow clerk pro tem.

Motion was made by Geo. R. L. Thayer to take an informal vote (with) regard to calling Rev. Mr. Elton as pastor — was (carried) and the vote standing, (being) 2 in favor (the motion.) and 2 against after which the meeting was dissolved

J. N. Barlow clerk pro tem

— C. [illegible] —

[illegible] Clerk.

On Apr 16th at the Weekly Prayer-meeting a letter was granted to

Joseph McFarland as in good and regular standing when he left this community in Feb. 52

S.R.Y. Clerk

June 18 following the prayer-meeting as noticed on Sunday the church remained for business.

The business — propriety of calling Rev. L. B. Forbes being announced by Clerk. J. B. Gillett was elected to chair. General expression was favorable to the man, some that the Parish ought not and could not pay the salary $1500, & Parsonage.

S. D. Potter, A. J. Ward & S. R. Young were chosen a Committee to secure pledges for three years and report in a week: meeting adjourned for one week

S. R. Young, Clerk.

At the adjourned meeting on the 25th few were present. The committee reported no progress in the matter of securing pledges for their year thinking also that it would be impossible to proceed, so many of the Parish thinking to move.

S.R. Thorne Clerk.

Sunday June 29.
Mr Francis [illegible] +
Mrs Elizabeth [illegible] were admitted by vote of the church from the Foster Evangelical church at [illegible] Mass. from which they brought letters.

S.R. Thorne Clerk.

Mrs Benj Ward died on Oct 8 1884 at her home in Enfield aged 72.4.18.

On Wed. Oct 22. notice having been given on Sunday of a business meeting to follow the prayer-meeting; twenty members were present. L.D. Potter was chosen chairman. Voted [1750] to extend a call to Rev. E.P. McElroy of Provincetown to become pastor of this church. So few being

present it was
Voted — to adjourn the meeting one week to give the matter further consideration

S. K. Lowe, clerk.

On Wed. the 21st at 8 P.M. occurred the adjourned meeting. Bro L. D. Potter as chairman called the meeting to order. Letters from the Rev. E. P. McElroy, and from his neighbors and acquaintances in church relationship were read by the clerk.

Bro Edward Smith moved that "a call be extended to Rev. E. P. McElroy to come and settle over us in the Gospel ministry"

An amendment was moved that "The Rev. E. P. McElroy be hired to preach for us a year" but it was not seconded nor accepted by Mr Smith. After slight discussion the question was put. Sixty eight (68) voting in favor of a call and none (0) voting against. Eighty five (85) being present.
Voted — That the two Deacons with the clerk constitute a

committe of three, which acting with a committe of the Parish, shall notify Bro McElroy of our action and call a council for his settlement over us in the Gospel ministry.

A. B. Vance clk.

On Sept. 7th after three days illness Rufus D. Woods died at Sydney New So. Wales aged 66 yrs. 4 mo. The news reached us on arrival of remains at San Francisco. Body reached us and was deposited in the tomb a week later. Oct.

On Mon Nov 3. the Parish having voted to call Rev. E. P. McElroy and having chosen a committe to ... with that of the church. the following was duly signed at their first meeting.

To Rev. E. P. McElroy—

Dear Sir—

The Committee acting generally for the Congregational Church and Parish of Enfield it becomes our duty not only but our pleasure to notify you that both Church and Society with great unanimity at meetings duly called and held for that purpose, voted to extend to you an invitation to settle over them in the Gospel Ministry.

The salary voted by the parish is twelve hundred dollars with the use of the parsonage.

Should it be your pleasure to accept the call, and a decision to the contrary would greatly disappoint our people, while you will feel at liberty to reply at your own convenience it is to be hoped that the installation and ordination may not be long delayed, in regard to which you are at liberty to indicate your wishes in your reply.

We are most sincerely yours

H. G. Moore } Committee
R. L. Thayer } for the
S. K. Emmons } Church.

A. Ross } Committee
L. A. Potter } for the
A. J. Marx } Parish.

Enfield Mass. ~~Oct~~ Nov. 3. 1884.

<u>On Nov. 2.</u> Mr & Mrs. Graves covenanted with the church.

<u>On Nov. 16</u> Rev E. P. Blodgett, supplying the desk, read the following letter.—

To The Congregational Church and Parish of Enfield, Massachusetts;

Dear Brethren and Friends:

The courteous letter of your committee notifying me that the church and society have in due form, and "with great unanimity" voted to invite me "to settle over them in the Gospel ministry" is before me. When this letter reached

me. God's hand was heavy upon me — the beloved one, solicitude for whose well-being, had led me to listen to your proposals, and who had rejoiced with me in anticipation of your action, Our Heavenly Father in wisdom and love, had suddenly taken to Himself. This providence unsettled all my plans and filled me with misgivings as to my duty; But after renewed and prayerful consideration of the whole matter, I am fully persuaded that it is both my duty and high privilege to come and abide with you. I therefore cordially accept your invitation to become your Pastor & Teacher, upon the terms specified in your letter, with the further understanding that I am to be granted a vacation the terms of which, are to be mutually agreed upon hereafter.

Dear Brethren; In view of the great responsibilities of this office, and the high standard of excellence you have learned to uphold, through the faithful labors of the sainted McEwen and

other able and devoted pastors who have preceded me, I entreat you both now and always to pray for me, that I may be a faithful minister of our Lord Jesus Christ. Conscious of our own insufficiency and our dependence upon God, let us pray together that the Holy Spirit may guide us into all truth, unite our hearts in love and make us earnest and successful colaborers in the Gospel.

I thank you most heartily for the tender sympathy and love you have shown me in this my time of great need.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Faithfully Yours
Eldridge P. McElroy

Enfield Jan. 14. 1884.

A true copy
S. C. Pierce Clerk

On Monday Dec 1st died at her home Manningsville Mrs. L. D. Boynton, funeral attended Mr McElroy & Mr Blodgett. Her son Harold was baptized at the funeral at request of the mother.

Records of Ecclesiastical Council held at Enfield Dec. 3d 1884.

In response to an invitation given by the Congregational Church and Society in Enfield Mass. an Ecclesiastical Council convened in their House of Worship, Wed. Dec. 3d 1884 at 10 A.M.

Rev. E. P. Blodgett called the council to order.

Rev. A. E. P. Perkins D.D. was chosen moderator and

Rev. R. M. Woods was chosen scribe.

Prayer was offered by the moderator.
The following was

The Roll of the Council.

Second Church, Amherst.

Rev. Geo. E. Fisher Pastor
Dea. J. W. Allen Delegate

Cong. Ch. Belchertown,

Rev. P. W. Lyman, Pastor
Dea. C B Southwick. Del.

Dorchester Vill. Ch. Boston,

Elbridge P. McElroy. Del.

1st Cong. Ch. Brockton,

Dea. C. D. Brigham "

Porter Evangelical Ch. Brockton.

Rev. F. A. Warfield, Pastor

Maple St. Ch. Danvers.
Rev. E. C. Ewing Pastor
Cong Ch. Greenwich.
Rev. E. P. Blodgett Past.
Dea. J. B. Root Del.
Cong Ch. Hatfield.
Rev. R. M. Woods Pastor
Dea. James Porter Del.
" " Packardville.
Rev. W. K. Vaille. Pastor.
Dea. Albert Firman Del.
" " Prescott.
Rev. Augustus Alvord, Pastor
Dea. Francis Page Del.
1st " " Ware.
Rev. W. G. Tuttle Pastor.

East Ch., Ware,

Rev. A. E. P. Perkins Pastor
Dea. Wm Hyde Del.

And the following persons:

Rev. E. W. Noble D.D.,
Rev. E. S. Wright D.D.,
Rev. Philander Thurston.
Rev. Andrew B. Foster.

The records of the meetings of the Church and Parish were read, in which a call was extended to Rev. Eldridge P. McElroy - Also the letter of call and the candidate's reply.

Papers were presented certifying to the Church relation and ministerial standing of the candidate.

These records and papers were voted satisfactory.

By vote of the council the moderator conducted the examination - at his request Mr McElroy first gave an account of his personal religious experience, and motives in entering

the ministry - He then read a clear and carefully prepared declaration of his faith.

Questions followed, first by the Moderator & afterwards by members of the council.

It was voted -

That the council be by themselves.

Assembling by themselves, the council responded individually as the roll was called & unanimously voted the examination satisfactory.

Having voted to proceed with the services of installation, Rev G. E. Fisher Rev. N. G. Little and the scribe were appointed a committee to announce to the candidate the vote of the council and arrange with him for the afternoon services -

They reported the following program -

Organ Prelude

Statement — By the Moderator
Reading of the Minutes — " " Scribe

Anthem

Invocation — Rev. W. G. Tuttle
Reading of Scripture — Rev. Philander Thurston

Hymn

Sermon — Rev. F. A. Warfield
Prayer of Installation — Rev. G. S. Dwight D.D.

Organ Interlude

Hymn

Right hand of Fellowship — Rev. P. M. Snyman
Charge to the Pastor — " E. P. B. Lodgett

Hymn

Address to the People — " E. C. Ewing
Prayer — " E. W. Noble D.D.

Doxology

Benediction by the Pastor

Voted — that the scribe have authority to finish the records and that at the conclusion of the afternoon service the Council dissolve -

The services were held according to the above programme

after which the Council dissolved.

Robert M. Woods
Scribe

A True Copy
L. K. Towne Clerk.

On Sunday Dec. 7th
after the morning service
Rev. W. G. Moore, Gen. R. G. Thayer with
the pastor Rev. E. P. McElroy, were chosen
a committee of three to report at
some future meeting of the church
Resolutions fitly commemorative
of the death of our honored brother
R. D. Woods

On Sunday Dec 14th after the
morning service, Rev. Dr. Wright
preacher for the day acting as
chairman, committee reported
the following

Resolutions.

Whereas. Our Heavenly Father in His inscrutable but yet wise and loving providence, has taken from us by death our beloved Brother and coworker Hon. Rufus D. Woods whose return from his foreign travels we were anticipating with much interest. therefore

Resolved: That as a church we deeply deplore the death of our brother Woods and recognize the great loss that the church of Christ and this whole community suffers

thirty. Widely known and universally esteemed as a christian his works praise him, and we do not sorrow as those without hope. as we recall his devotion to the cause of Him who says to His followers "Because I live ye shall live also— Where I am there shall also my servant be".

<u>Resolved</u>: That we sympathize deeply with the bereaved family of our brother, who are thus called to endure such a sore bereavement under circumstances

which adds so greatly to the severity of the affliction. and our prayer is that the God of all comfort may give them comfort and grace according to their need, and fill their hearts with heavenly rest and joy.

Resolved That this action be spread in full upon the records of the church and that a copy duly signed by the Pastor + clerk be forwarded to Mrs. Yorke and to the editor of the "Congregationalist" for publication

A true copy
G. R. Towne clerk

Membership 1884 236
Admissions 2
Dismissions 1
Deaths 3

234

Deaths during the year

Mrs Benjamin Ward y. m. d
Oct 8. 1884 Age 72-4-18
Rufus D. Woods
Sept 7. 1884 at Sidney
New South Wales age 66 ys 4 m

Mrs Clara T. Wife of
L. S. Boynton died in Greenwich
Dec 1st. 1884 age

The Records of the church were transferred to a new book - commencing with the annual meeting - which was held on the 1st Wednesday in January 1885. (Jan 7th 1885) in the Chapel of the Cong. Church

W. B. Kimball
Clerk